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*Established as a Parish in the
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Office hours

Monday 12 Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. ~ 12 Noon

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (October 14 - April 28)

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule of Masses)

Parish Membership

Welcome! New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available in the Narthex or the Parish Office. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on Sunday afternoons, except during the Season of Lent. Adults requesting baptism, or the other sacraments of initiation should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Kindly contact the Pastor a minimum of one year before the desired date of marriage. Preparation is provided in the Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick - Visits to the sick, either at home or in hospital, can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for the *Sacrament of the Sick* and for *Holy Communion*. If you are admitted to the Georgetown Hospital please be sure to identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

Priesthood & Religious Life - Contact Father David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

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PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Luke 19.28-40; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Luke 22.14 - 23.56)	
MONDAY, March 25		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, March 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33, 36-38) † Ron Beek	
WEDNESDAY, March 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-26) † Thomas McElroy	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
HOLY THURSDAY, March 28	7:30 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Ex. 12.1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11.23-26; John 13.1-15)	
GOOD FRIDAY, March 29	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (children)	
	3:00 p.m.	SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION	
HOLY SATURDAY March 30	12 noon	Blessing of Easter Food (Cote Hall)	
	8:00 p.m.	SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL (First Mass of Easter)	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Joan Sovran.			

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • March 10	\$ 6,312.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 374	
Average envelope donation – \$15.09	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 2,226.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 8,538.00

DIOCESAN MASS OF CHRISM

Each year, in Holy Week, Bishop Crosby celebrates the *Mass of Chrism* during which he consecrates the Oil of Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. Sacred Chrism and the Oils are used in the celebration of the Sacraments in the Diocese for the coming year. All are welcome to attend this Mass which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

DAY OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Please note that there will be priests available on **Tuesday, March 26th** from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with you. There will also be one final opportunity on Holy Thursday, March 28th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Join us for this wonderful celebration of the mercy and forgiveness of God in this Sacrament.

WORD FROM ROME . . .

White smoke, ringing bells, "Habemus Papam", crowds like I've never seen, prayer, and a blessing. All elements of a very memorable Roman evening on March 13, 2013 as the world greeted Pope Francis. What a great privilege to be here in Rome and experience this historical moment in the life the Church. I had planned to go to the Square for 6 p.m. - the estimated time for the smoke from the Sistine chimney - which I honestly expected to be black. After that I planned to meet with the students and staff from Christ the King in Rome for their March break trip. The 6 p.m. hour passed and the crowd kept getting bigger. My priest friends and I moved toward the centre front of the Piazza and a little after 7 p.m. we saw the white smoke. Thankfully the rain stopped at that point and the crowd surged forward. After almost an hour the new pope was announced to cheers and applause. Then he spoke to us and gave his blessing - first asking the crowd to bless him in silence. The cheering crowd went completely silent. A great experience - now looking forward to the inaugural Mass on Tuesday, March 19th - the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. Long live Pope Francis, viva il Papa!
Father Dave

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday, March 24th - Passion (Palm) Sunday

Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25th - Mass of Chrism

7:00 p.m. - Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton

Tuesday, March 26th - Day of Penance

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.;

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Priests available to celebrate Confession.

Thursday, March 28th - Holy Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday

11:00 a.m. - Celebration with Children

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday

12 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food (Parish Hall)

8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

Masses: 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

(Please note there will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.)

WHAT TO DO WITH LAST YEAR'S PALMS?

Palm branches from previous years may be burned or buried. Alternately, you may bring them to the church and we will take care of them for you.

THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is described as the *mother of all vigils*. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the Church. The Easter Vigil is a bit longer than a regular Sunday Mass - it unfolds the story of our salvation in Scripture, song, and ritual. The Vigil is the first Eucharist of the Easter Season. You may wish to consider attending the Vigil this year - especially if you have never attended before. Many of those who have become Catholics in previous years also attend the Vigil as a celebration of the "anniversary" of their own journey into the Catholic Church. The entire schedule for Holy Week and Easter is included with this bulletin - please plan to join us for these wonderful celebrations!

PASCHAL FAST

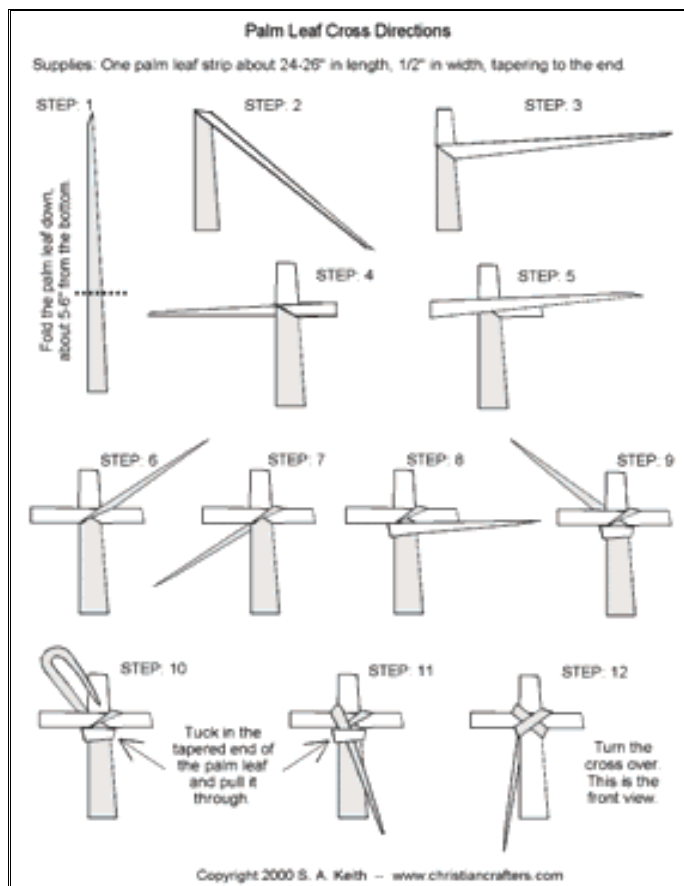
Catholics are encouraged to observe the *Paschal Fast* on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Good Friday all Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat. The law of fast binds those between the ages of 14 - 60 (in good health). Fasting may mean taking less food at a meal, or skipping a meal, or fasting from food during the day. We fast and abstain to share in the passion and suffering of the Lord. On Holy Saturday we may wish to continue our observance of the Paschal Fast as well as maintaining a spirit of prayerful quiet and recollection in preparation for the great Feast of Easter.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join Father Mark Sullivan and Pere Jonas for a Holy Hour in honour of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7th from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be readings from the Diary of Saint Faustina, Scripture, Music, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In lieu of the April General Meeting the Founder's Day Mass for the Knights of Columbus will be held at Holy Rosary Church, 139 Martin Street, Milton on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. Father Paul Hryncyszyn will be our celebrant. Your families are welcome. There will be a reception afterwards in the church hall.



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