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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

OFFICE HOURS

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

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(*12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

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905-702-8001

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, May 14 Easter 6	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, May 15		No Mass	
TUESDAY, May 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Rena Beaton	
WEDNESDAY, May 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Greta Spalding-Martin	
THURSDAY, May 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Joe & Mary Mlodozenec - 60 th Wedding Anniversary	
FRIDAY, May 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Anna Rosa Felgas † Julian Andre Winter (I) Michelle Antao (I) Ryan & Alex Wall	
SATURDAY, May 20	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Ascension of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jean Falzon; Francesco Vallecoccia; Jose Gilherme Tavares; Ljubica Babic; Mary Tucker; Louise Aresenault; Esterina Forscarini; Cheryl Decouto.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Moyra Pullicino.

From the Pastor's Desk

In our 2nd reading from this Sunday's Mass, St. Peter writes "Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you." As I have mentioned before, we should really reflect on how God is working in our lives, because it is so important to realize in concrete terms why our faith matters. Being a witness to our faith is a lot more effective as a method of evangelization than being 'preachy'. We have a God that loves us beyond all comprehension – in a personal way. Let's be ready to be a witness to this Divine love in our lives, able to account in concrete ways to the 'hope' that we have in us!

Quote of the Week

"Now all things have been filled with light, both in heaven and earth and those beneath the earth; all creation sing Christ's rising, by which it is established." - *St. John Damascene*

Sunday Smile

A man once swallowed a book of synonyms. It gave him thesaurus throat he ever had.

New Associate Pastor for Holy Cross Parish!

On June 1st, Holy Cross Parish will be welcoming a new Associate Pastor, Fr. Carlos Dias. Fr. Carlos was just ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sat, May 6th, and we look forward to having him as part of our pastoral

team! Keep Fr. Carlos in your prayers as he begins his first assignment as a priest.

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tender-hearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

Youth Fundraising Events

The youth participating in a Pilgrimage to Rome with the Milton chapter of Conquest in August, as well as another youth who is heading to World Youth Day in July will be continuing to raise funds. There will once again be a BOTTLE DRIVE on May 21 and 29 before all Sunday Masses. The youth will be collecting empty liquor and beer bottles/cans. Pick ups can be arranged via email for larger donations. Alternately, bottles can be dropped off to 29 Chelvin Drive, 6 Craig Cres. or 30 Stockman Cres. in the bins provided at any time. For information about the fundraising

events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe or Elias after 10:30am Mass or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will resume the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on May 28th.

Tips to Take Care of Your Heart Health

According to Ontario Heart Centre, almost 80% of premature heart diseases can be prevented through healthy lifestyle habits including **eating a healthy diet**. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein can help maintain a healthy heart. It is also important to limit the intake of saturated and trans fats, salt, and added sugars.

Food Drive for the Georgetown Bread Basket

The number of people using the Georgetown Bread Basket has doubled, and they are in need of our help! The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive. Food donation bags, with a list of the most needed items attached, will be given out on the weekends of May 14/15 and May 20/21. Donations are to be returned to Holy Cross Church on the weekend of May 27/28. A box for cash donations will also be available on the weekend of May 27/28 for your convenience.

CWL News

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th in Cote Hall, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Colleen Ionson, Hamilton Regional Chair, will be our guest speaker. She will be discussing the Unity Outreach Initiative which addresses the decreasing membership, and offers positive dialogue and promotion of the League. A short meeting will precede this presentation. Those wishing to pay membership fees may do so at this meeting. If preferred, you may drop your fee in the locked mailbox outside the church office door, mail your fee to the church or put it in the collection box located in the narthex of the church. Please use a plain envelop, clearly mark CWL on the front and include your name, phone number and email address with you payment.

Gardening Volunteers

As the beautiful spring flowers begin to bloom, so do the weeds! If you're willing to volunteer some time to help weed the gardens around the church this summer, please contact the office. If we get enough people, the commitment shouldn't be more than about once per month.

Catholic Day Camp

Are you looking for an amazing summer experience for your kids? We have a great opportunity for you! The Sports and Virtue Day Camp is for boys and girls entering grades 4-7 in fall. It will run on July 4-7 at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown. Activities consist of sports, tournaments, faith formation and more. Fun guaranteed! See the poster/bulletin for more information. **Registration ONLINE only at:** <https://form.jotform.com/ecydontario/sportsandvirtue2023-georgetown> or use the QR code on the poster. For more information contact Jennifer Cauchi at HCPastoralAssistant@outlook.com or call 905-873-1887 ext. #7. Hope to see you there!

GFORCe3 - Georgetown Friends of Refugees Committee3

Holy Cross is part of a coalition of Georgetown Churches currently helping to sponsor nine members from two related Afghan families who are in hiding in Pakistan and are living under death threat from the Taliban. These families are expected to arrive in Georgetown this year. GFORCe3 has raised about 70% of the funds required and needs to raise an additional \$38,000. We ask for your prayers and financial support for these families who are in dire need. Detailed information and collection envelopes are available in the narthex. Tax receipts will be issued by the Parish. Thank you for your generosity. God bless!

FORMED Bulletin Announcement

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio and more, it is an excellent resource for families, especially to ensure the content their children are watching is safe. The Family Ministry Office has entered into a partnership with FORMED in order to allow families access to this resource and invite you to an on line session for an opportunity to have a quick overview look at the content. Join us on Wednesday, May 24th at 7 p.m. by zoom, whether you are already a subscriber or would like to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the link at www.hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming events on the home page.

Young Adults Night – June 3, 2023 – Acton/Halton Hills

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our Diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, June 3rd at St. Joseph, Patron of Canada (64 Church Street East, Acton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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