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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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, May 21 Ascension	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 22		No Mass	
TUESDAY, May 23	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Nicole Viola	
WEDNESDAY May 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Alan Douglas	
THURSDAY, May 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
FRIDAY, May 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kata Babic † Charles Pierce † Marilyn Major (I) Ella Ferlejowski (I) Joseph Kaczanowski (I) Special Intentions	
SATURDAY, May 27	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Pentecost Sunday <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Luis Botelho; Ernesto Henriques, Joaquim, Maria de Jesus and Alda Pereira; Maria de Sousa; Deodata Almeida; Victor Narvali; Giuseppina Antinozzi.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, we commemorate Christ's Ascension into heaven, and the picture that really stands out for me in the 1st reading from Acts of the Apostles are the disciples standing there in awe, staring at the sky as Jesus is lifted up to heaven. And who wouldn't be fascinated by this – but at a certain point, the looking *up* must lead to a looking *out*. The apostles were certainly in awe of this spectacle, but a couple of angels appeared and basically said “*ok guys, enough with your heads in the air – it's time to get to work!*” Jesus gave them a mission, and now it was time to carry it out. As we move forward from the celebrations of the Easter season, it's time to ‘get to work’ in our Christian lives. It's time to live out our faith in concrete ways, showing our love for God by carrying out His will for us in our lives.

Quote of the Week

“We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is love.” - *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Sunday Smile

What did the duck say to the store clerk when it bought some lipstick! “Just put it on my bill!”

Msgr. Sheridan Filling In This Week

Fr. Dave will be away this week from Monday to Friday for his annual retreat with other priests from the Diocese. We welcome back Msgr. Sheridan who will be covering weekday Masses from May 23-26. Thank you Msgr. Sheridan for filling in!

New Associate Pastor for Holy Cross Parish!

On June 1st, Holy Cross Parish will be welcoming a new Associate Pastor, Fr. Carlos Diaz. 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.

Youth Fundraising Events

The youth participating in pilgrimages to Rome and Portugal this summer have been planning their final fundraisers. Youth will be collecting empty beer/wine/liquor bottles and cans before Masses on Sunday, May 21st and the weekend of May 27th/28th. They will also be opening orders for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Orders will be taken from May 21st - June 4th. Doughnut pick up will be Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at Holy Cross Church. Doughnuts are \$12 a dozen. For orders of 3 dozen or more, local delivery is available. Please note that bottles can be

dropped off to 29 Chelvin Drive, 86 Craig Cres., or 30 Stockman Cres. in the bins provided at any time during May. For information about the fundraising events or Conquest Youth Organization, see Gabe or Elias after 10:30 Mass or email romeconquest2023@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School 2023

It's time to join in the VBS camper fun! This year's theme is "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity!" Plan to join in the fun from Monday, July 31st through Friday, August 4th with a wrap-up concert on the last day. In September, if your camper is heading into Gr. 1, 2, 3 or 4 sign up without delay! Our mornings will be filled with Bible stories, games and activities, rousing singing, snacks and seriously fun crafts from 9:00 am to noon. Are you in Gr. 8 or high school? Would you enjoy creating a fun environment for VBS campers? We need your help. Please contact Patti Birk at birk@cogeco.ca Registration is **open!** Visit our Holy Cross website at www.holycrossrc.com and download the registration form today!

First Communions this Saturday

This Saturday we celebrate with our grade 2's from St. Brigid School as they receive their First Holy Communion! Please keep all our young people in prayer as they receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the very first time!

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 **managing stress**. Chronic stress can have a negative impact on heart health. The stress can be reduced through activities such as meditations, yoga, and deep breathing exercises.

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 again this weekend. 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.

Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S.

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses on May 27/28 to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

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/ecydonario/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!

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

Walk for Life & Family BBQ

Get ready to walk on Saturday, June 3rd with Halton Alive at the Walk for Life. This family-friendly event brings together profilers to honour the unborn, support the vital work of Halton Alive, and enjoy a delicious BBQ in community. With each step of the 5K, we honour the 100,000 lives lost to abortion each year in Canada. Saturday, June 3rd - start time 9:30am (walk, BBQ lunch and kids games included). The lawn of Burlington Christian Fellowship, 2054 Mountainside Drive, Burlington. Can't make it? Participate by walking in your own neighbourhood with friends! So what are we waiting for? Register for free today at www.haltonalive.ca/24 and invite your friends and family to join us for this exciting event. Together, we can make a real difference and build a brighter future for all. See you at the Walk for Life!

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