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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
Monday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 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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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 26 Christ the King	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, November 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & Int. of Eileen Joe	
TUESDAY, November 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Noreen Miehm	
WEDNESDAY, November 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marcy McGregor	
THURSDAY, November 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar	
FRIDAY, December 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Filomena Aguiar † Kata Babic † Manuel Piques & deceased family members (I) Sharon Abbott	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nunzio Varricchio	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the First Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria deSousa & Amavel Baptista; Antonio Borges & deceased family members; Eugenio Albano Jr. & Sr. & Maria Francelina Albano; Zbigniew Gondek; Slavko Romic; Deceased members of the Pollock Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Eugenio Albano Jr.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today on this last Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the great Feast of Christ the King. Everything in our Church year points to Christ as our King and points us in the direction of being part of the Kingdom of God. At the end of each liturgical year, we have this opportunity to recognize Christ's royalty, and to remind ourselves that our true allegiances belong entirely to Him. Yet his kingdom is *different*. His kingdom is not of this world as he repeatedly mentioned during his earthly ministry, but rather his is the Kingdom of God – the true kingdom to which we are all called. A kingdom that requires an eternal perspective, and a kingdom which turns all our earthly definitions of royalty on their heads. As we celebrate Christ the King this Sunday, let us also be humble followers of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Saviour of the World!

Quote of the Week

"If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that bread, which is your God humbling and disguising himself, will teach you humility." — *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

Sunday Smile

I phoned my work this morning and said, "Sorry boss, I can't come in today, I have a wee cough." He said: "You have a wee cough?" Me: "Really? Thanks boss. See you next week."

Looking Ahead to Christmas!

Believe it or not, Christmas is only 1-month away! For those who have been asking, our Christmas Mass Schedule will be: **Christmas Eve** - 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 12midnight. **Christmas Day** - 9am, 10:30am.

Come Home for Christmas Festival

FREE...Bring your families and come celebrate with us! Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON. **Fun includes:** Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa. Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2251

Rental Unit needed for GFORCe3 Afghan Family

GFORCe3 is pleased to announce that its second Afghan Family will be here by early 2024. We are looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store. GFORCe3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived her for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Please contact Greg MacDonald (416-219-9113), Don Robinson (905-703-0043), or Susan Tupling (416-200-8675) with any possibilities.

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Sat, Dec 16th

On Saturday, December 16th from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. we will be hosting our annual Advent Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available at any time during that window to hear your confession and receive God's beautiful gift of mercy and forgiveness. Don't miss the opportunity to receive this sacrament before Christmas!

Holy Cross HELPS

This weekend there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. This collection allows HELPS to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support to this worthy cause.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

November is Osteoporosis Month

Osteoporosis is a disease that slowly, quietly weakens bones, taking years to develop without any warning symptoms. Bone mineral is gradually lost, making the bones weaker and more prone to fracturing or breaking. It can affect men as well as women. Exercise and nutrition are key elements of bone health. Learn more and assess your risk at www.osteoporosis.ca

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on November 26. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

Coping with the Holidays...When You Have Lost a Loved One

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988

ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-coueselling/coping-with-wth-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2024 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Young Adults Night - December 2nd - Durham

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 (7:00pm-8:00pm), Social with Food (8:00pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm) on Saturday, December 2nd at St. Peter and the Missions Church (850 Garafraxa Street North, Durham, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Register Your Child for Kindergarten at HCDSB!

Kindergarten registration at the Haltopn Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

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