

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **PARISH STAFF**

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SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

& 12:00 noon\*\*

(\*\*Please note Mass time changes)

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

Leslie Rutherford, President 905-877-1176 Michele Meitz, Co-President 416-505-4354

**Knights of Columbus** 

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#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 28 Advent 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, November 29		No Mass	
TUESDAY, November 30	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Doris Galea	
WEDNESDAY December 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Frank Raijtek	
THURSDAY, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Personal Family Intentions	
FRIDAY, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass  † Nunzio Varricchio † Kata Babic † Antonia Galea † Stanley Shillington † Ivan Babic † Antonio Borges & deceased family members	
SATURDAY, December 4	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent  Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: George & Nina  Busuttil; Apolinario Directro; Patrick McCarthy; Ron Anderson & John Paul Fraser; Joe Del Guidice; Rina & Daniele Bellai.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Sigrid Heissler.

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is upon us! The next few weeks leading up to Christmas is a time to really prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. As I mentioned in the homily last weekend, it's a great time to start over with a new liturgical year, and really begin to enter into the mysteries of our faith. Use this time to renew your prayer life, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and truly invite the Lord to be born again in your hearts!

#### **Sunday Smile**

A priest visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the priest stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

#### For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis has recently announced that the theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be 'For a Synodal Church:

Communion, Participation, and Mission'. In preparation for their discussion at this meeting of the world's bishops, the Holy Father has asked for all Catholics to offer their input. Pope Francis said 'Celebrating the Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.' To offer your insights, please visit <a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod">https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod</a>

#### Advent Day of Penance - December 11, 2021

Holy Cross Parish will be hosting an 'Advent Day of Penance' on **Saturday, December 11 from 10:00am - 4:30pm**. We encourage you to drop in at any point during the day to receive God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lord wants nothing more than to set us free from our sins -mark your calendars to receive this great Christmas gift of our Lord's loving forgiveness!

#### **Sunday (Novalis) Missals**

2022 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 2022 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

#### **CWL News**

Membership 2021 - Because of the pandemic and the various lock-downs and restrictions, there are still members who have not had an opportunity to pay their 2021 fees. However, in order to keep your CWL membership in good standing, your 2021 membership fee must be paid by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The 2021 membership fee is \$30. If you are able kindly mail a cheque, (no cash please) payable to "Catholic Women's League" to: Catholic Women's League c/o Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyll Road, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5S6. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the 2021 membership year. Or you can place your membership fees in the locked mailbox outside the Church's office door. If you are uncertain as to whether or not you have already paid your dues for 2021, please contact Pat Warman at (905) 877-7231 or at pswarman@cogeco.ca

Membership 2022 - If you are paying for 2022, and you are attending Mass, you will see a table set up in back of the Narthex near the doors. Our beautiful CWL banner, Monsignor Sheridan's gift to our Council, will be present. On the table will be blue envelopes with CWL labels for you to pick up. Kindly return the blue envelopes with your payment inside (\$30) and your name and address clearly marked on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to "Catholic Women's League". With Father Dave's kind permission, you can place the blue envelopes in the Offertory boxes located in the Narthex of the Church. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving an envelope and you are able to return it on their behalf, please take an extra.

If you are not yet attending Mass, kindly mail a cheque (no cash please) payable to "Catholic Women's League" to the same address as above, or drop it off in the Church's locked mailbox. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2022** membership year.

Together, supporting each other, we are making it through challenging times. Let's continue to do so, day by day. In the meantime, pick up the phone, and call someone you haven't seen in a while! Send an email or note to brighten someone's day! We hope to be able to gather again in 2022.

#### **Queen of Apostles Upcoming Retreats**

**Advent Retreat - A Journey with Mary** - Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person.

**Experience** - Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person.

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Call 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

#### **Health Committee - Memorial Mass**

Our Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year, but all parishioners are invited to come to remember their own family and friends who have died over the years. Please RSVP to Katie Jedlinski-Kiss at 905-873-1887, ext. 5.

### **Life Team - Halton Alive**

Halton Alive, our local pro-life advocacy organization invites those interested to join their Parish Life Teams. Parish Life Teams commit themselves to creating an awareness and building the Culture of Life in their church community. If you are interested in joining our life Team here at Holy Cross, please contact Marilaura Wall at <a href="wallmarilaura@gmail.com">wallmarilaura@gmail.com</a>

#### Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website <a href="mailto:canadianfoodforchildren.net">canadianfoodforchildren.net</a>.

#### 'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

#### **Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed**

Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months. St. Catherine of Alexandria School 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. and 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily - contact Mr. Monaco (MonacoV@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (AlbaniT@hcdsb.org)

#### **ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program**

Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by zoom on Tuesday, December 14th: *Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated*. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program in form a tion on line at <a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php">https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php</a>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

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