



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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**  
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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 1 Ordinary 26	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, October 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Salvatore Ciccia	
TUESDAY, October 3	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Jim Stone	
WEDNESDAY, October 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Muscat Family	
THURSDAY, October 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Giacinta DiMarco, Bartolomeo & Felice Vallecoccia	
FRIDAY, October 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Lynas & Ennett Families † Maria Branco † Kata Babic (I) Lily Muir	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, October 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Augusto Maria Rosario Sales	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Renato Dias; Ivan Page; Ricardo Medeiros; Miryam Pareja; Mary Hartley; Lucia Lapierre.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Lucena Bumanlag.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Today's gospel presents two types of sinners – the first represented by the son who says 'I will not work', but eventually does. God's mercy is infinitely patient with us. Even when we defy God, he keeps drawing us back, and eventually, we are led to work in the Lord's vineyard. The second son in the parable lies and says 'I will work', but doesn't follow through. He pays the master 'lip service', but is indifferent. The key to it all is humility. Let's pray for humility that we may be like the first son, willing to get past our pride to follow the Lord's promptings. God keeps drawing us, but it is only through a humble heart that we can hear his voice and allow ourselves to be drawn.

### **Quote of the Week**

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." — *St. Anthony of Padua*

### **Sunday Smile**

Think about this - Nothing starts with an 'N' and ends in a 'G'.

### **Blessing of Pets - Sat, Oct 7 at 10:00am**

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day: Oct 4<sup>th</sup>), we will be blessing your pets on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We will meet outside the main doors of the church. Bring all your furry friends for a special blessing!

### **Holy Cross Parish Volunteers Needed**

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer last Sunday at our Ministry Fair! Someone from the Parish will contact you shortly. **We are still in need of volunteers, especially in the following Ministry areas:** Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers), Sacramental Preparation; Children's Liturgy; Communion to Homebound; Coffee Sunday. If you are interested or need more information please contact Jennifer through the Parish Office at 905-873-1887.

### **Grief Relief - Holy Cross Parish**

Grief Relief – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! We will be offering a Grief Relief Program on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., October 11 – November 15. Please contact Jennifer through the parish office at 905-873-1887 for more information.

### **Friday Morning Adoration**

Adoration every Friday morning from 9:30am (after Mass) until 12:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available for parishioners to commit to a timeslot so that someone is always present during this time.

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

### **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

According to Health Canada, 1 in 8 women in Canada are expected to develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The risk of getting breast cancer goes up as women get older. What can you do? Be proactive! Increasing your awareness and knowledge may help reduce your risk of developing breast cancer. Take action on your lifestyle risk factors and contact your health care provider with any questions or concerns. Visit [www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html) or <https://cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-types/breast> for more information.

### **Good Shepherd Atrium Registration**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as “the Atrium”) is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 12, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Weekly (1.5 to 2 hours) sessions run from October to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in September/October 2023. For more information, please contact the parish office.

### **Religious Instruction for Public School**

Parents of children enrolled in **Public** or **Private** schools are invited to enroll them in our parish’s religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child’s reception of the sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office.

### **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this Fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Father Dave at the Parish Office. The process involves a weekly commitment to one hour sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is

open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian Churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

### **Challenge Girls & Conquest Boys Clubs**

Challenge and Conquest clubs offer Catholic Youth Ministry programming for kids in grade 1-12. Kids are given opportunities to discover and love their Catholic faith, live Christian virtues, and make a positive impact in the world around them. They are programs designed to instill virtue, develop character, encourage spiritual growth through sports and dynamic activities offered at weekly meetings and through apostolic service projects. Parent and youth involvement builds family and community bonds and provides leadership, mentorship, and service opportunities for youth and families. **The new Halton Hills chapters will offer:** Weekly meetings Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm (September 29th, 2023 to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024) **Location:** St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School, Georgetown. Throughout the year there will be additional club events/excursions, retreats and community experiences offered to members. If you require more information, please contact Michelle or Paul at [conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com](mailto:conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com). To learn more about the national organization please visit [www.challengeyouthministry.com](http://www.challengeyouthministry.com) and [www.conquestyouthministry.com](http://www.conquestyouthministry.com).

### **Life Chain Sunday - October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Life Chain is a public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion. Join thousands of pro-lifers across Canada and take a visual stand to end abortion. Locations: Burlington: Fairview St. & Maple Ave.; Oakville: Trafalgar Rd. & Dundas St.; Milton: Main St. & Ontario St. 2:30-3:30pm at all locations - Signs provided.

### **40 Days for Life - September 27 to November 5**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community: Vigil location: East of Oakville Trafalgar Hospital, at the Northwest corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily. Contact Steve at [40daysforlifeoakville@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeoakville@gmail.com) Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our website [www.40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/oakville)

### **Halton Alive Gala**

Come support the pro-life work of Halton Alive at our annual fundraising Gala and Silent Auction! Join us for a night filled with delicious food, community networking, entertainment, and support for pro-life work. Event features: gourmet dinner, silent auction, live music, testimonials, photo booth, games, door prizes. **Date:** Friday, October 20, 2023. **Time:** Doors open at 6pm. **Tickets:** \$100. **Location:** Oakville Convention Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville. **RSVP:** [www.haltonalive.ca/gala](http://www.haltonalive.ca/gala) or call 365-366-3232.

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