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

OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

Father David Walter, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary

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

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905-877-1176
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416-505-4354

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905-702-8838

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michael.simpson@cogeco.ca

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 19 <i>Ordinary 25</i>	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, September 20		No Mass	
TUESDAY, September 21	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Len Walter	
WEDNESDAY, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Warren Fisher	
THURSDAY, September 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Miguel Vieira	
FRIDAY, September 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Vincenza Cosentino † Mary Jean Fisher † Tom Prugo (I) the Abbott Family (I) Mary Stansic	
SATURDAY, September 25	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Eugenio Albano Jr., Eugenio Albano Sr. & Maria Francelina Albano; Emma Klein; Drago & Barbara Draganjac; Gloria Cagouia & Vince Sison; Maria Bunjo & Domenic Ricchio; Mary Ellen Falls. Intentions of Gerard & Margaret Wilcox - 70 th Wedding Anniversary.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Eugenio Albano Jr.

From the Pastor's Desk

September has started strong as we continue to catch up on Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings that were postponed due to the spring lockdown. Although protocols remain, it's great to see a bustle of activity in the church again! A big thank you to all the ushers and baptismal team that have generously offered their time to make sure everything runs smoothly.

On another note, things are busy with building maintenance as we begin our outdoor lighting project this week. This is the first of the projects to be funded by the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign, so once again, thank you for your generosity! This particular project will replace our old outdoor and parking lot lighting with LED technology which will give us significant energy savings (the project should pay for itself within 4-5 years in electricity savings alone!), reduce maintenance, and provide better lighting for the parking lot and security around the building. A big thank you again to your generosity in making this happen!

Fr. Dave Away on Vacation this Week

Fr. Dave will be away for a few days of vacation this week from Monday to Friday. We welcome Msgr. Sheridan back to the parish who will be filling in.

Printed Bulletins

Due to changing COVID protocols which take into account new evidence that touch points are not a significant infection risk, we will once again be offering a printed bulletin at Sunday Masses. We will also continue to send out bulletins via email to those who wish to receive them electronically.

New Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

As we prepare the fall schedule for liturgical ministers we would love to see some new faces! If you would like to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass, please let Father Dave know. We can especially use help at the 5pm and 12noon Masses.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open with limited office hours. We will be open for in person visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Voice messages and emails are still being checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

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.

COVID Protocol Updates

The Diocese, in consultation with the Ministry of Health, has released some new protocols for parishes given the reduced number of cases we are experiencing at this point in the pandemic. Although the main precautions of masks and social distancing are still in effect, there are some loosening of the rules when it comes to worship which include:

- 1. Communion on the Tongue** – this is once again allowed, but communicants wishing to receive on the tongue are asked to line up at the end, in the priest's line, after all those wishing to receive on the hand have received
- 2. Communion Dialogue** – we will once again be saying 'The Body of Christ'...'Amen' to each communicant rather than doing so communally as has been the practise.
- 3. Hymnals** – we will be returning the hymnals to the pews, encouraging congregational singing once again, albeit while still wearing a mask.

We thank you for your cooperation over the past 16 months in adhering to all of the protocols in place to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Let's continue to pray for an end to this time of pandemic!

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a one hour per day 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 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily** - contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

Blessing of Holy Family Catholic Cemetery

Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the blessing of Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, 2523 Lower Base Line, Milton, on Saturday, September 25 at 11am. In keeping with COVID-19 protocols, registration in advance will be required. To register, please call 1-800-661-5985 or visit www.holyfamilyblessing.eventbrite.ca

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Evenings with His Excellency

(Formerly called "Fridays with Father")

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for "*Evenings with His Excellency*" on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "*Catechism of the Catholic Church*". There is no registration, no fee and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith. **The first "Evening with His Excellency" is Friday, September 10, 2021.** If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go to <https://canadianmartyrshamilton.com/> to watch live. (All COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

Novena to Little St. Therese

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, September 23rd to October 1st, 2021. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support: You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, RR #1, St. Agatha ON N0B 2L0.

Worldwide Marriage Encourage Experience

Join us for a Virtual/Online weekend - October 22-24. Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact Marge & Gerard McCauley at 905-792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com or visit the website wwme.org

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