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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

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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

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

Prayer Network

Katie 416-433-4324

Christ the King Secondary

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Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

Knights of Columbus

Michael Simpson, Grand Knight
michael.simpson@cogeco.ca

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 26 <i>Ordinary 26</i>	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, September 27		No Mass	
TUESDAY, September 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Gilda Brown	
WEDNESDAY, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lynette & Francis Sequeira	
THURSDAY, September 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Adelino de Matos, Maria Raposo & Jose Fernando Matos	
FRIDAY, October 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Domenic Sisi † Kata Babic † Michele Ruscetta † Clarence Roche † Dec. members of the Sibley family	
SATURDAY, October 2	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Miryam Pardja; Doreen Brown; Antonia Galea; Aurora & Jose Bumanlag. Intentions of Geoff & Andria Freeman.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

It's another busy weekend at the parish with First Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms and oh yeah – Sunday Masses! I ask you to pray for all of our young people receiving the sacraments this fall, that they may be strengthened in a life of faith in Christ. I also once again offer a big thank you to everyone volunteering their time to help make these celebrations possible and special for the families. Also this weekend we will be handing out bags for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Breadbasket Food Bank here in Georgetown. Each bag has a list of needed items, and we encourage everyone to be generous in helping those in need in our community this fall!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Georgetown Bread Basket needs our help! Holy Cross Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive! Bags with a list of needed non-perishable items will be distributed after each Mass this weekend, September 24-25. Please return your donations to the Church on Thanksgiving weekend October 9-10. All donations will be taken to the Georgetown Bread Basket after the noon Mass on October 10.

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.

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.

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.

Baptism Prep Team Volunteers Needed

Our Baptism Prep Team is looking for new members to help Father Dave with the celebration of baptism. Volunteers arrive before the baptism celebration to help set up for baptism and direct the families during the baptism. Please contact Father Dave or the parish office for more details.

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)

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.)

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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.

'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!

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

Life Chain Sunday

Please join us for our 33rd annual **Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 2021**. This is a peaceful, prayerful, silent pro-life one hour long witness for the unborn in our community. Join thousands of pro-lifers across North America as we make a one hour visual statement of solidarity to end abortion and honour the lives of over 54 million children lost to abortion. Stand for those without a voice! **Meet at Trafalgar Rd and Dundas St (SE corner) in Oakville from 2:30 - 3:30pm on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.** For more info. contact Anthony Danko at 289-772-8822."

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