

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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

(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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 5 Ordinary 23	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 6		No Mass	
TUESDAY, September 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Paul & Marilyn Major - 70 th Wedding Anniversary	
WEDNESDAY, September 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass → Wendy & Richard Valere & deceased family members	
THURSDAY, September 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † James Kavanagh	
FRIDAY, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marica Bukovcan † Christine Biggs † Aurelia & Boleslaw Wegrzyn (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
SATURDAY, September 11	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Robert O'Gorman; Glenn Anderson; Jacinto Gomez & George & Evmorfia Koutsoulianos; Tom Ellard. Intentions of the Ellis Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

From the Pastor's Desk

Where did the summer go? I can't believe that I now see 'September' when I look at my calendar. Time to begin another pastoral year at Holy Cross! We will be busy this fall celebrating many weddings, baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations which were postponed due the spring lockdown. We will also be starting a new year with our schools, sacramental preparation and RCIA. September will certainly keep us busy! Having to still deal with COVID protocols, we continue to have some challenges in running our parish ministries, but we will do our best. Continue to keep the parish in your prayers as we move forward this year!

We Welcome Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, again this Weekend

In August we introduced you to Fr. Pierre Caouette, a priest of the Legionaries of Christ. In the absence of an Associate Pastor here at Holy Cross, the Legionaries of Christ have graciously agreed to help out once-per-month by preaching all of the Sunday Masses. Fr. Pierre is with us again this weekend! This is a big help for Fr. Dave, and we are very grateful to their assistance!

Accessible Parking

It has been brought to our attention that there are people parking in the Accessible Parking spots outside the Parish Centre doors without having an Accessible Parking Permit displayed on their vehicles. Since these spaces are limited we ask that if you don't have a permit, please refrain from parking in these spots. If you need a permit, get one! We should also note that if a by-law enforcement officer comes by (which they do from time-to-time) and sees a vehicle without a permit parked in one of these spaces, the fines are significant. Thank you in advance for helping us out with this so that those who need an accessible parking space can get on.

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 starting on the weekend of September 11/12. 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.

Exaltation of the Cross - Parish Feast Day, September 14th

Tuesday, September 14th is our Parish Feast Day, the Exaltation of the Cross. Plan to join us for the Tuesday 7:00pm Mass to celebrate!

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 visit www.holyfamilyblessing.eventbrite.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

Religious Instruction for Public School

Parents of children enrolled in <u>Public</u> or <u>Private</u> 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.

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.)

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.
- 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!

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.

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.

Halton Hills Climate Action

Join Halton Hills Climate Action and groups across Canada for a National Day of Action on Wednesday September 8 with the theme "We're in a climate emergency: act like it!" That's the message to political candidates of all parties in advance of the federal election, and in the wake of fierce fires, heat waves, and floods that ravaged Canada this summer. Local climate action supporters invite people of all ages who care about our planet's future to gather from 4 to 5 pm in front of Dominion Gardens Park, 118 Guelph Street in Georgetown. From there, spread safely along the Guelph Street sidewalk with signs and banners to attract attention from passersby. Bring a sign if you have one and a friend. Watch the group's Facebook page and website for updates.

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