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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

## 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\*\*  
(\*\*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)

## Catholic Women's League

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## Prayer Network

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## Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

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## Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

## Saint Catherine School

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, April 13	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Vito & Immacolata Brancatella	
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 15	***5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	***This is the last opportunity for Reconciliation (Confession) before Easter.
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Art Harris	
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Fuller Williams	
HOLY THURSDAY, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
GOOD FRIDAY, April 18	11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY, April 19	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Food	
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Bumanlag Family.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time of deep spiritual significance for Christians around the world. As we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we are reminded of both the celebration and the sacrifice that lies ahead. The crowds shouted "Hosanna!" welcoming a king they hoped would save them, yet many would later turn away. This day invites us to reflect on our own hearts—do we welcome Jesus only when it's easy and joyful, or do we remain faithful even when the path leads to the cross? Palm Sunday calls us to humility, to follow Jesus not just in triumph, but also in surrender, trusting that through the cross comes resurrection and new life.

### Quote of the Week

"Be wise, my soul, and trust in God alone; cling to God and cast your cares on God alone." — *St. Robert Bellarmine*

### Sunday Smile

The toddler was refusing to listen and take his nap, so I called the police. He was clearly resisting a rest.

### Clergy Moves

Last week we announced that Fr. Carlos will be leaving us at the end of June to become the Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Oakville. We will miss him but wish him the best in his new assignment! At the same time, we will be welcoming a new Associate Pastor to Holy Cross Parish, Fr. William Meehan. You may remember Fr. William from

when he spent a few months with us in 2019 as a seminarian for a summer placement.

### Stations of the Cross — Fridays in Lent

We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. Join us each week for this moving Lenten devotion.

### Holy Week Schedule (April 17-20)

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday:** 11:00am & 3:00pm - The Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday:** 8:00pm - Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday:** 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm  
**Easter Monday:** NO MASS

### Also...

Holy Thursday: 8:00pm-10:00pm - Adoration  
 Good Friday: 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross  
 Holy Saturday: 12:00pm - Blessing of Easter Food

Note: for those sensitive to smoke, please note that we will be using incense in our worship on Holy Thursday and for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

### Extended Confession Times:

**Sat, April 12:** 9:30am-10:30am; 3:00pm-4:30pm  
**Tue, Apr 15:** 5:00pm-6:45pm

Please plan to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during a scheduled time as the priests may be too busy during Holy Week to accommodate appointments for confessions.

### **What do I do with my old Palms?**

Next Sunday we commemorate Palm Sunday. We're often asked what to do with our old blessed palm branches? Because they have been blessed we should not just throw them out. Here are your options:

- 1.) Keep them as decorations, perhaps placed behind a religious picture or Crucifix
- 2.) Burn them, and spread the ashes in your garden
- 3.) Bury the palms in your garden
- 4.) Although we would prefer if you dispose of them yourselves, if you have no means to do so, you may return them to the parish to be burned for use on Ash Wednesday next year.

These methods of disposal honour the palm's sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way.

### **Catholic Women's League News**

The CWL General Council Meeting on April 15th has been cancelled as this is Holy Week. The May 20th meeting will be a combined pot luck dinner and baby shower supporting Shifra House. The Crowning of Mary will take place after the 7pm Mass.

### **VBS – Vacation Bible School - TRUE NORTH!**

Your little ones will love this fun and faith-filled **Northern Adventure** where they will build friendships and experience **Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!** This half-day camp is for children entering **Senior Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall and will run **Mon. Aug. 11 to Fri. Aug. 15 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish hall. **REGISTRATION** will be after all Masses at Coffee/Timbits Sunday, **April 26-27** or contact the parish office. Space is limited...Don't miss out!

### **Pilgrimage to France in October 2025**

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the shrines of France from October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fr. Carlos Diaz will lead the pilgrimage highlighting Lourdes, Ars, Chartres, St. Michel, Lisieux, and Paris. For more information you can contact Liz Dachuk at Connaissance Travel and Tours: [lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com](mailto:lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com) or 416-291-2676, x 239

### **CWL & KofC Bursaries**

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will each be awarding one (1) bursary in the amount of \$1000 to a graduating student (one female, one male) at Christ the King Secondary School. Notification of the bursary will be sent to the school's guidance counsellor. Applications will be made available on-line by a link to the Holy Cross Church website and hard copies will be available at the Holy Cross office. Applications are to be returned in hard copy form to Holy Cross Church office by mail or in person by May 19, 2025.

### **Thank you from Community Unity - EBB 2025**

Thank you, Holy Cross, for a tremendous response with the Easter Basket Brigade. Your generosity has gone a long way to help families in need in our community. Special thanks goes to Fr. Dave, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, the drivers who helped with deliveries and all the children who made beautiful Easter cards for the families. Holy Cross has done their part to help Community Unity spread Jesus' Gospel message of love in action. May God continue to bless you and your families in this Easter season.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **April 20-26 is Organ & Tissue Donation Awareness week**

The Canadian Blood Services supports organ and tissue donation awareness campaigns to raise awareness about the critical need for more donors and encourages Canadians to register their decisions and talk to their loved ones about organ donation. This year's campaign "Leave Well", speaks to the positivity of leaving a legacy. Did you know, that not only does the Catholic Church accept the transplanting of human organs, it recognizes the donation of organs and blood to those in need as acts of charity and therefore commendable. Needless to say, such donations must not in the slightest way cause the death of the donor. For more information, visit [www.blood.ca/en/organs-tissues/notdaw](http://www.blood.ca/en/organs-tissues/notdaw), [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) or to register [www.organtissuedonation.ca/en](http://www.organtissuedonation.ca/en).

### **Health and Wellness Spring Social**

The Health & Wellness Committee invites all Seniors in our Parish to attend a "Spring Social" on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00pm** in Cote Hall for an afternoon of relaxation and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment provided by a Children's Choir conducted by Lily Muir and a 'sing-along' led by Malcolm MacDonald, and by Kim Duke & Trish Hahnfeld. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking forward to seeing you and any family members, who would bring you to and from the special get-together!

### **Health and Wellness Committee Invitation**

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at [linda.m.motz@gmail.com](mailto:linda.m.motz@gmail.com)

### **Halton Alive Inspire Hope Flowers**

Inspire Hope Flowers is a wonderful opportunity to give hope to our community. For those observing Lent, creating these flowers can be a meaningful act of sacrifice. For everyone, it's a chance to express kindness, charity, and love during the Easter season. To register visit [www.haltonalive.ca/flowers](http://www.haltonalive.ca/flowers) and follow the directions. Make your paper flowers at your leisure and flower drop-off/pick up will be between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. See further details on line or in the Narthex.



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