



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

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 19 Easter 3	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, April 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) the Evanoff Family	
TUESDAY, April 21	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Zenaïda Van Klink	
WEDNESDAY, April 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Patricia Chalmers	
THURSDAY, April 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Sebastian & deceased members of the Sebastian Family	
FRIDAY, April 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kata Babic † Sandra McCarron † Rosa & Francesco Vallecoccia (I) Gary Brown (I) Joseph Mendonca	
SATURDAY, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George, Juraj and Mara Sebalj	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bill Kent; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Jose Melo; Harry Ellis; Maria & Manuel Cabral; Teresa Lawr; Joseph Tharappel.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the living & deceased members of our families & friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel, two disciples walk with the risen Jesus without recognizing Him. Only in the breaking of the bread are their eyes opened. Like them, we may miss Christ's presence in times of confusion or sorrow. Yet, He walks with us still—speaking, guiding, and quietly stirring our hearts. He speaks to us in the scriptures and prayers of the Mass – may our hearts always be open to recognize his voice. And of course, he is made fully known to us in the breaking of the bread, in the Eucharist. May we learn to recognize Him in our daily lives, and respond with renewed faith and witness.

Quote of the Week

“The Lord draws near even when we do not recognize Him; He speaks to us so that our hearts may be set on fire.” — *St. Ambrose*

Sunday Smile

I can tell if someone is lying just by looking at them. I can also tell if they're standing or sitting.

Protect Mental Health, Protect Life — Support Bill C-218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This

proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026. If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218

Coffee Sunday

Next weekend, April 25/26 is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Masses for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for hosting!

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on **April 26**. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

CWL NEWS

General Council Meeting - the April CWL Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 in Cote Hall after the 7:00pm Mass. It's our annual baby shower with proceeds donated to Shifra House. New members are always welcome.

Membership Drive - This weekend is the CWL Membership Drive. Please stop by and see us!

Mother's Day Tea - On Sunday, May 3 from 1-3pm in Cote Hall. Enjoy an elegant afternoon tea together. Tickets are \$25 each and are available starting this weekend. There are only 75 tickets available so get yours soon. For more information contact Cathy Reitzel at 905-875-5962.

Save the Dates!

VBS at Holy Cross Church will be offering an exciting camp this summer from Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th! We begin at 9:00am and end at noon each day. If you are heading **into SK** in September all the way up to **staring Grade 4**, we invite you to come and explore Rome with us!! Our theme is: **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. Each day, your team will explore the Bible Room, Music Room, Creative Room, Activity Room and Enjoy a snack break, too! On Friday, we culminate in a wonderful concert for family and friends to attend. Don't miss out on the fun as we learn about the love Jesus has for us through these activities! Registration opens May 1st. Please contact Patti at birk@cogeco.ca for more information.

Seniors' Spring Social

The Health and Wellness Committee warmly invites all seniors in our community to attend a **Spring Social on Friday, May 1st**, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** in Cote Hall for a relaxing afternoon of friendship and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment and a sing-along led by Kim Duke, Trish Hahnfeld, Pierre Arsenault, and Anne Kennedy. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to welcoming you and any family members who may be helping with your transportation to this special gathering!

CWL & KofC Annual Bursary

This year, the *Holy Cross Catholic Women's League* and the *Georgetown Knights of Columbus* will each be offering a **\$1,000 bursary** — one for a female student and one for a male student. As outlined in the application instructions, submissions should be made through our Parish secretary **by May 25, 2026**. Recipients will then be selected from the applications received.

Mother's Day Food Drive

The CWL and Knights of Columbus of the parish will be running a Mother's Day Food Drive to support the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank. Bags with a list of most needed items will be distributed on the weekends of April 18/19 and April 25/26. The bags will be delivered to the foodbank following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 3. Monetary donations will also be graciously accepted (*cheques made out to **the Georgetown Breadbasket***). Be generous if you can to help those in need in our community.

Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed!

We are in need of more leaders for our Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Children's Liturgy groups. If you are interested in volunteering as a Children's Liturgy leader, please contact the parish office to start the Volunteer Screening process.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Immunization Awareness Week is April 26 – May 2

Immunize Canada encourages everyone to stay up to date with recommended vaccinations so they can live healthier lives protected against preventable diseases. This year's theme, "**The Time is Now! Get Immunized**", is a call to stand up for vaccines. For many years, science, including vaccination, has been under attack. Recent changes to routine childhood vaccination schedules beyond our borders have created uncertainty and increased the risk of preventable diseases re-emerging. Disinformation, misinformation, mistrust in science, and growing polarization are undermining public confidence in vaccines in Canada. Hesitancy is rising in some communities, and in some regions, immunization rates are no longer high enough to prevent outbreaks. In 2025, Canada even lost its measles-elimination status - a reminder that decades of progress in vaccine confidence and coverage cannot be taken for granted. Not so long ago, there was no way to protect against diseases such as diphtheria, polio, meningitis, or measles. Vaccines changed that. Rigorous testing and ongoing safety monitoring show that vaccines are safe, effective, and essential for preventing serious illness and death. This is not the time to turn back the clock on life-saving innovation. The time is now – to trust the evidence, counter misinformation, stay informed, and keep our immunizations up to date. For more information, visit www.immunize.ca/niaw

Camp Kumuntome is Hiring

We are looking for two dynamic young people 17+ for the position of co-director at Camp Kumuntome. The Co-Director positions are responsible for creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29–31. For more information or to apply, email program@campkumuntome.ca. Full job descriptions can be found at campkumuntome.ca/staffing

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