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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 27 Easter 2	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.)	
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Celebration	
MONDAY, April 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sylvia Baczynski	
TUESDAY, April 29	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Grace & Tom Kowanski	
WEDNESDAY, April 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Paul Brown	
	7:00 p.m.	Memorial Mass † Pope Francis	
THURSDAY, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Maria Tavares	
FRIDAY, May 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ana Vidmar † Rosa & Vito Manno † Stefan Fend † Souls in Purgatory † Gerry White † Mary Cauchi	
SATURDAY, May 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) for the conversion of our Prodigal children	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Carol Ann Bennett; Agnes Schatz; Fatima Camara & Irmalinda Goncalves; Albertina Branco; Arnel Agodon.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rita Barnard.

From the Pastor's Desk

This 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a powerful reminder of God's boundless love and forgiveness. Flowing from the heart of Christ, Divine Mercy invites us to trust deeply in His compassion and to extend that mercy to others. As we reflect on the image of Jesus with rays of red and white light streaming from His heart, we are called to recognize that His mercy is not earned, but freely given. This day challenges us to lay down our burdens, our guilt, and our doubts at the feet of a Savior who never tires of offering second chances. May we not only receive His mercy with open hearts but also become instruments of that mercy in a world so in need of healing and hope. "Jesus, I trust in You."

Quote of the Week

"Christ is Risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life."
— Pope Francis

Sunday Smile

People are usually shocked when they find out that I'm a terrible electrician.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27th at 3:00pm

Join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27th at 3:00pm in the church. This special liturgy invites us to reflect on the infinite mercy of God, revealed through the heart of Jesus. The celebration will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for personal prayer, and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Let us come together in prayer and trust, opening our hearts to the healing grace and unfathomable love of Christ. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." — Matthew 5:7

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis - Wed, Apr 30 at 7:00pm

In the days following the death of a pope, the Universal Church observes a 9-day period of mourning. As part of our observance of this period of mourning, a memorial *Mass for the Death of a Pope* will be celebrated at Holy Cross Parish on Wed, April 30th

at 7:00pm for our deceased Holy Father, Pope Francis. All are invited. *Eternal Rest grant unto Pope Francis O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in eternal peace.*

Bible Study - A Biblical Walk with Mary

We will begin our next bible study this May with an 8-week series entitled, '*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*', beginning on **Wed, May 7th at 7:00pm**. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic teachings on Mary, and to go deeper on the biblical roots of our Marian theology. Please sign-up on the list in the narthex, or by emailing Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com. The workbooks will be \$40, or you can purchase the resources electronically from Ascension Press for \$5.95US at:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/mary-abiblical-walk-with-the-blessed-mother>

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 and a shopping list of needed items will be distributed this weekend and the food will be delivered to the foodbank following the Masses on Sunday, May 4. 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.

Today is Coffee Sunday

This Sunday, April 27 is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to our youth groups: Challenge, Conquest and Mission Youth for hosting!

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 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 27th to November 8th, 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 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.

CWL Prayer Intention Box

The CWL has purchased a Prayer Intention Box for the parish. It is outside the sacristy. Please feel free to put in your prayer requests. On Marian feast days the prayer box will be placed in the Church.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

April is National Oral Health Month

Oral health is an essential component of overall health. The Canadian Dental Association reminds us all to follow these **five steps to good oral health**: 1. visit your dentist regularly; 2. eat a well-balanced diet; 3. check your mouth regularly for signs of gum disease and oral cancer; 4. limit alcohol, and avoid smoking, smokeless tobacco and vaping; and 5. brush your teeth twice a day using fluoride toothpaste, and floss once a day. For more information, visit www.cda-adc.ca/en/oral_health.

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 today, April 27. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

Seniors' Spring Social

The Health & Wellness Committee warmly invites all Seniors in our Parish to attend a "Spring Social" on **Friday, May 2nd** 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 Lilly Muir, 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 gathering!

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

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