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*Established as a Parish in the
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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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

Prayer Network
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Christ the King Secondary
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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| SUNDAY, April 28 <i>Easter 5</i> | 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 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (I) the Costello Family | |
| TUESDAY, April 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass ‡ Teresa & George Belcastro | |
| WEDNESDAY, May 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ‡ Manuel Amaral | |
| THURSDAY, May 2 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ‡ Luis Botelho | |
| FRIDAY, May 3 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ‡ Robert & Vito Masotti ‡ Violetta De Carli (I) Mark Lindsay (I) Leslie Rutherford (I) Michelle Antao | |
| SATURDAY, May 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass ‡ Holy Souls | |
| | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Francisco Serpa; Sean Tannahill & Mary Tucker; Sylvia Murphy; Malcolm Vincent; Souls in Purgatory. Intentions of Margaret Wilcox. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rita Barnard. |

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches in the gospel today. He says that he is the vine, we are the branches. It is the vine that provides life to the branches. All the nutrients for a plant are absorbed by the roots and transported through the vine to feed the branches. When a branch is cut off it no longer has life within it. Jesus gives us life in abundance if we graft ourselves fully onto him. When we plug ourselves into Christ, we have nourishment in abundance and we flourish in our journey of faith and in our relationship with God. When we are cut off, sadly, we wither. Let us pray that we remain firmly attached to the vine so that we may receive the nutrients of divine grace that our Lord wants to give us in abundance!

Quote of the Week

"The glory of God is a living person, and the life of each living person is the vision of God." — *St. Irenaeus*

Sunday Smile

In 3,206 years from today, life will either be really good or really bad. It's 5050.

Healing Retreat with Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C. - May 10-12

A retreat on inner healing led by Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C., and a team of collaborators will take place at St. Benedict's Parish in Milton from May 10-12. The retreat theme is based on the teaching of Dr. Bob Schuchts, author of "Be Healed". This retreat seeks to help you uncover the lies that are rooted in past wounds and renounce them in the name of Jesus. From there, you will be free to find your identity as a son or daughter of God in the truth that he speaks to you in your place of brokenness. In a gentle approach that respects the time you may need, this healing retreat helps to open up the most difficult parts of your personal history to Jesus, in the context of his loving care for you, so that you can be restored by his love.

The retreat on inner healing will include, Mass, Talks, Testimonials, Personal prayer time, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch, dinner, and refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Light snacks on Friday and Sunday. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Please register at: www.regnumchristionario.org/event-details/healing-retreat-2

'Mass Class' - A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

We will be offering a spring catechesis series over 5 weeks entitled 'A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.' The Mass is an incredible gift from our Lord. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at **Holy Cross Parish** beginning **Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00pm in Cote Hall** and continuing on Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks. All are welcome, but we ask that you register so we can prepare an appropriate amount of study material. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can register by sending an email to Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com

Sports & Virtue Day Camp 2024

Sports & Virtue Day Camp is back - for children entering **Grades 4-7** this fall. The camp will run from **Mon. July 8 – Fri. July 12 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Christ the King High School. Please visit www.regnumchristiontario.org/ecyd to register for this camp.

VBS – Vacation Bible School

Children entering **Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall are welcome to register for this camp beginning this weekend after all Masses. **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish.

Mothers Day Food Drive

The CWL and the Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive the weekend of May 11/12 for the Georgetown Bread Basket. They have asked for our assistance as the need is great. Their clientele has doubled in the last year. The CWL will be present after each Mass that weekend to accept cash, or cheque donations also. Bags, with a list of items most needed, will be provided. These bags can be returned to the Narthex of the church for delivery to the food bank by the Knights.

Catholic Education Week: We Are Called to Love

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education theme is, "*We are called to love,*" and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "*If we love*

one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12) With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" With open hearts of love, we can continue to "*fan the flame of hope*" for a bright future.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

April is Autism Acceptance Month

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviours, speech, and nonverbal communication. Autism looks different for everyone, each person having a distinct set of strengths and challenges. Some autistic people can speak, while others are nonverbal or minimally verbal and communicate in other ways. Some have intellectual disabilities, while some do not. Some require significant support in their daily lives, while others need less, and others live entirely independently. Anybody can be autistic, regardless of sex, age, race, or ethnicity, however, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research shows that boys get diagnosed with autism four times more often than girls. Autism is a lifelong condition, and an autistic person's needs, strengths and challenges may change over time. Early intervention and therapies can make a big difference in a person's skills and outcomes later in life. For more information, visit www.autismspeaks.org

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after the 9:00am & 10:30am Masses on April 28. 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.

Coffee Sunday

Sunday, April 28th is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship. Hosted by Holy Cross Catholic Women's League.

Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S.

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

Hike for Hospice - Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am

We are rallying community strength and raising funds to build the first hospice residence in North Halton. A hospice is a facility that serves the needs of terminally ill people and their families, by providing access to care, support, and compassion. We encourage all participants to complete a 5km or 2km hike, walk, bike, or run! Everyone is welcome to participate! Join as an individual or create a team with your friends, family, or colleagues and collect pledges. Registration fee: \$25. Visit www.townsend-smith.ca/events/hike-for-hospice

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