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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 6 Lent 5	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, April 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Brancatellac	
TUESDAY, April 8	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † John Cole	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
WEDNESDAY, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Steve Posavec	
THURSDAY, April 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, April 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass †arry Boulanger † Maria J. Ponte † Valerie Knowles † Aurelio Viola † Jean Falzon † Felicitas Sotes	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, April 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Robert Brown	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Francesco Pasqua; Anton Skok; Kim Faria; Almorinda Borges; Carol Ann Bennett; Jose Tavares & Deolinda & Constantino; Julio Pereira; Beverly Marcil.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Kirchmayr Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today our gospel relates the story of the woman caught in adultery, where Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees who seek to trap Him. Instead of condemning the woman, Jesus responds with wisdom and compassion, saying, *"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."* One by one, her accusers leave, and Jesus tells her, *"Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."* We see on display here Jesus' grace, mercy, and the call to repentance. It reminds us that while sin is real, so is God's forgiveness. Jesus does not ignore wrongdoing, but He also does not rush to condemn—He offers the woman a chance for transformation. This challenges us to examine our own hearts, to be slow to judge others, and to extend the same grace that we have received. It is a powerful reminder that God's love invites us not only to be forgiven but also to live changed lives.

Quote of the Week

"Christ looks for nothing else from you, in fact, except loving him with all your heart and carrying out his commands." — St. John Chrysostom

Sunday Smile

Ouch! A book just fell on my head. I guess I only have my shelf to blame.

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:

Fri, Apr 11: 8:00am-8:45am
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 to 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.

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.

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 this weekend, **April 5-6**, and at Coffee/Timbis Sunday, **April 26-27**. 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.

Mass of Chrism

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 14** at **2:00pm**. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30pm. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

April is Daffodil Month for People Fighting Cancer

Help the Canadian Cancer Society fund life-saving research and compassionate support services to bring hope. For everyone facing cancer, and their loved ones, you can **Help Hope Bloom**. Daffodil Month donations will fuel world-leading cancer research, clinical trials to find better treatments, and a nationwide support system for those who need it. Cancer isn't one disease but more than 100. And depending on how you classify cancer, you could even say that there are more than 200 types. Our bodies are made up of trillions of cells grouped to form tissues and organs. Genes inside the nucleus of each cell tell it when to grow, work, divide, and die. Mutated genes don't work properly can cause cells that should be resting to divide and grow out of control, which can lead to cancer. For more information, visit www.cancer.ca or www.cancer.ca/en/ways-to-give/daffodil.

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 and follow the directions. Make your paper flowers at your leisure and flower drop-off/pick up will be between May 2nd and May 11th. See further details on line or in the Narthex.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused 40 day world-wide campaign of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil for the first 40 days of Lent, March 5 – April 13, 2025. Our area campaign is held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing hearts and minds of all who see you? We keep vigil in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant women and anyone needing Post Abortion Support. For more information see www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

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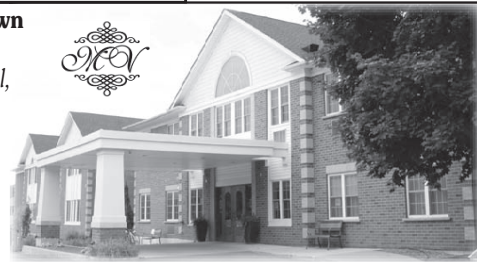
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