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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 14 <i>Advent 3</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, December 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Aurelio Viola	
TUESDAY, December 16	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Kevin & Ingrid D'Souza	
WEDNESDAY December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
THURSDAY, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Cora Stubbett	
FRIDAY, December 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Maria Polera † Luis Botelho † Katica Babic † Sharon Nagle (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
SATURDAY, December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Theresa Noble	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; John Faria; Sylvia Murphy; Frank & Maria Vieira; Kim Faria; Manny De Sousa; Rosa, Arduino & Silvestre De Lellis; Michael Kurdell; Deacon Jeremy Tyrrell.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Gilmore Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus does not answer John with a simple "yes." Instead, He points to the signs of the Kingdom breaking in: "The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." In other words, *look at what God is doing*. Salvation is already unfolding in ways deeper and quieter than expected. As we reach the midpoint of Advent and hear the call to *rejoice*, this Gospel invites us to look for the often subtle signs of Christ's presence in our own lives. Even when circumstances feel confining or discouraging, God is still at work — healing, restoring, and drawing us closer to the promised joy. Blessed are we if we do not lose heart, but trust that the Lord is indeed near.

Quote of the Week

"They who trust in themselves are lost. They who trust in God can do all things." — *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Sunday Smile

I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.

Christmas Masses

Christmas is coming quickly! For those planning ahead, here are the Mass times for this year:

Wed, December 24 - 5:00pm; 7:00pm; 9:00pm; 12 midnight

Thurs, December 25 - 9:00am & 10:30am **(No 12pm Mass)**

'Strategy' for Choosing your Christmas Mass

For your information, below we list the attendance figures for the Christmas Masses from last year. If you prefer a quieter Mass, choose accordingly!

5:00pm — 1,149

7:00pm — 589

7:00pm — 433

12:00am — 348 (*also note: incense will be used at Midnight Mass*)

9:00am — 380

12:30am — 450

Extended Confession times

Sat, Dec 20: 9:30am – 10:30am

Sat, Dec 20: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tues, Dec 23: 5:00pm – 6:30pm (*last chance before Christmas*)

A Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm, we will be having a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. We are having this Holy Hour with the intention of praying for any of our family and friends who are not practicing their Catholic Faith. Advent is a time when we prepare for the birth of Christ, and this Holy Hour will allow us to pray that Christ will be "born again" in the hearts of many of our family and friends. You are welcome to join for this time of prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during this Holy Hour.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2026 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2025 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

NEW! Saturday Good Shepherd Atrium

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 13, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. ***We will be starting a Level 1 session twice a month from 9:00-10:30am. The next session is Saturday, December 20 from 9:00-10:30am. For more information, please contact the parish office.***

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Impaired Driving Awareness

With celebrations associated with Christmas and New Year's, the holidays also bring a higher risk of impaired driving. The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of educating Canadians about the consequences of impaired driving due to alcohol, drugs, fatigue, or distraction, which devastates the lives and health of thousands of Canadians each year. Impaired driving doesn't apply only to cars; it also includes motorcycles, boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles. Collisions involving alcohol and/or drugs are one of the leading preventable causes of death. Even one drink of alcohol can slow reaction time, blur or double vision, impair reflexes, and reduce attention span. For more information visit www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/police/community-safety/impaired-driving.html

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

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

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

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.

Toonie for Turkeys

The CWL and Knights of Columbus will be collecting "Toonies for Turkeys" on the weekend of December 20/21. The proceeds will be donated to the Georgetown Food Basket to help with their Christmas needs.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026

Boxed sets of 2026 envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2026 will be available in the Narthex next weekend - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

Year End Donations

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2025 donations in 2026. If you would like to make a "year end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2025. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2026. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Contact the parish office for further details.

Have You Recently Moved?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

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