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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 7 <i>Advent 2</i>	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, December 8	<u>7:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Sunrise Candlelight Daily Mass</u> (I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
TUESDAY, December 9	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Noreen Miehm	
WEDNESDAY December 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Elisa Cintane & deceased members of the Testa Family	
THURSDAY, December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Harry Ellis	
FRIDAY, December 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marica Bukovcan † Hugh Queenan † Dawn Hood-Gloumeau (I) Zenaida Van Klink (I) Anne Woosnam & In thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Giovanna Sorgini	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Ilda & Jose De Melo; Nicola Varricchio; Anton Skok; Katica Babic; Natalia Pereira; Joe Carvalho; Bronislawa & Tadeusz Walczyk. Special Intentions.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Paula Canavan.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Second Sunday of Advent invites us into the quiet work of preparation. Today's readings feature the figure of John the Baptist—a voice crying out in the wilderness, urging us to *prepare the way of the Lord* and make straight His paths. His message is simple but demanding: repentance, renewal, and readiness. Advent is not a season of frantic activity but of intentional clearing. John reminds us that Christ desires to enter our lives, but He never forces His way in. We prepare the way by removing from our hearts all the obstacles—resentment, selfish patterns, neglect of prayer, and indifference. May we allow the Lord to shape us so that, when He comes, He finds a heart open and ready to receive Him with joy!

Quote of the Week

"He who is to come will come, and He will not delay. Prepare your hearts for the Lord." — *St. John Chrysostom*

Sunday Smile

I just went to the doctor. He said he'd like to talk to me about my weight. I said, "well it was about 45 minutes but at least the chairs were comfy."

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Sat, Dec 13 - 9:30am - 4:30pm

Our Advent Day of Reconciliation this year will be on Sat, Dec 13th from 9:30am-4:30pm. Priests will be available all day during that window of time to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Be sure to come out and experience God's loving gift of mercy and forgiveness during Advent!

Sunrise Mass - Mon, Dec 8 at 7:30am

To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception we will once again celebrate a Mass by candlelight on Mon, Dec 8th at 7:30am. As the sun rises and floods the church with natural light, we symbolically prepare our hearts to honour the Light of the World who is soon to come into the world, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady and her 'yes'. **Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass this day.**

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**)

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 starting Saturday, December 6 from 9:00-10:30am. For more information, please contact the parish office.***

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, December 9th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Gender-Based Violence and Human Rights Awareness

Everyone has the right to live free from violence. However, many people continue to experience violence every day because of their sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or perceived gender. This is referred to as **gender-based violence (GBV)**, one of the most pervasive, deadly, and deeply rooted **human rights violations** in the world. GBV can take many forms, including physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and financial abuse, as well as technology-facilitated violence. It is crucial to involve everyone, particularly men and boys, in changing social norms, attitudes and behaviours that contribute to GBV. We all have a role to play in recognizing the signs of GBV and seeking support for ourselves or for loved ones. **Human Rights Day** is observed worldwide on **December 10**, commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - the most translated document in the world (577 languages). For more information, visit www.un.org/en/observances/human-right-day, www.awhl.org, or www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality. The Assaulted Women's Helpline offers a free, anonymous, and confidential 24-hour telephone help line at 1-866-863-0511.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

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