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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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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

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 16 Ordinary 6	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, February 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Anton Ribic	
TUESDAY, February 18	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Margaret Rizzo	
	6:00 - 630 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
WEDNESDAY, February 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Brad Boxell	
THURSDAY, February 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Harry Ellis	
FRIDAY, February 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Ryan Lawrence ✠ Charles Irvin ✠ Katica Babic ✠ Joanna Wilda ✠ Silvio, Amado & Henry Aguilar	
SATURDAY, February 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Marie May Haché; Alda Pereira; Norma Southward; Xavier Zuzarte; Maria do Carmo & Ricardo Medeiros; Giuseppe Baggetta.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Marcelo Savino.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel, Jesus offers a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. He lifts up the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted, promising them joy and fulfillment in God's kingdom. At the same time, He warns the rich, the satisfied, and those who seek worldly praise that their comfort is fleeting and spiritually dangerous. This passage challenges our modern values, which often equate success with wealth, comfort, and popularity. Jesus invites us to see life through a kingdom lens, where dependence on God, compassion for others, and faithfulness in adversity are true measures of blessing. Reflecting on this, we are called to examine where we seek fulfillment. Do we chase temporary pleasures and human approval, or do we trust God's promise to fill us with lasting joy? Jesus' words remind us that living for His kingdom may come with hardship, but it brings a deeper, eternal reward. May we find courage to embrace that path and compassion to stand in solidarity with those whom Jesus calls blessed.

Quote of the Week

"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish." — *St. Francis de Sales*

Sunday Smile

A lady asked me if I would help get her a job as a professional scrabble player. I was happy to put in a good word for her.

Lenten Bible Study — 'No Greater Love'

We will be offering a 5-week Lenten Bible Study focusing on the Passion Narratives from the gospels. This will be a prayerful 'deep dive' into our Lord's final days using Dr. Edward Sri's video series, "No Greater Love". The study will begin on **Thu, March 6th (7:00pm-8:30pm)** and will run each Thursday night until Thu, April 3rd. The cost of the study materials (workbook/study book) is \$40, or you can purchase the online electronic version directly from Ascension Press for about \$10. So that we can have enough study material available, please register on our sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by emailing Fr. Dave at: dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com

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 be the spiritual director for the pilgrimage highlighting Lourdes, Ars, Chartres, St. Michel, Lisieux, and Paris. The pilgrimage is still in the planning stages. The final

cost of the trip will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. There will be an information night in the coming weeks. For more information you can contact Liz Dachuk at Connaissance Travel and Tours: lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com or 416-291-2676, x 239

CWL News

The February General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th in Cote Hall, after the 7:00pm Mass. Our guest speaker that evening will be Mark Burger from the Halton Fire Department. Any ladies in the parish who might be interested in joining the CWL are most welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about the League. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Coffee Sunday - Feb 22-23

Please join us for Coffee Sunday next weekend in Cote Hall after all Masses. We thank the **Catholic Women's League** for hosting! The CWL will have a table set up after all Masses at Coffee Sunday for those wishing to pay their membership fee for 2025 (\$45). If preferred, you may drop your fee in the locked mailbox outside the church office door or put it in the collection box in the narthex of the church. Please use a plain envelope, marked CWL on the front, and include your name, phone number and email address. Hope to see you then!

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 on Feb 23. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

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

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses next weekend, February 22/23 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.

Catholic Moms Group

Moms of Holy Cross Parish are invited to our new Catholic Mom's Group on **Saturday, February 22nd from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings for a time of fellowship, formation, and fun. You can join anytime and participate according to your family's busy schedule. Just let us know if you want to be part of this group by emailing momsgroupHC@gmail.com or contacting the parish office. Hope to see you there!

Men's Prayer Group – Sat, Feb 22th at 7:30am

The Men's Prayer Group at Holy Cross Parish this fall! The next meeting will be at 7:30am on Sat, Jan 11 ending with Mass at 9:00am. It will be a time of prayer, faith formation and fraternity for men of the parish, 18 years of age or older. We will be using the Cor program developed by the

Knights of Columbus (although please note that you don't need to be a Knight to participate!). All men are welcome, but if you plan to attend, please email Fr. Carlos at cdiaz@hamiltondiocese.com so we can plan to have enough refreshments for the morning!

Grief Support - When Life Changes

Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of a loved one? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone! Join us for Session 1 of **"When Life Changes"** the first part of a new video series by Dr. Bill Webster, CEO of Centre for Grief Journey, and renowned grief counsellor. Here you will find friendship and support in your time of bereavement. This program will be offered in two sessions, Part 1 this winter and Part 2 in the fall, over 6 evenings each. The winter session runs on **Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, beginning Feb. 20**. Room TBA. Please contact Jennifer through the parish office at 905-873-1887.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Her Heart Matters Awareness

According to the Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre, heart disease used to be considered a "man's disease", but no longer. While heart disease is on the decline among men, it is rising among women, it is the number one killer of women worldwide, and the leading cause of premature death in women in Canada. Much of what we know about the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease is based on research in men, but women's hearts and the way they experience heart disease are different in many ways. Women generally have higher heart rates and smaller hearts and arteries than men. While male hormones enlarge arteries, female hormones make them smaller, making women's arteries more prone to blood clots or blockages and more difficult to repair. Globally, cardiovascular diseases affect 1 out of 3 women, yet women everywhere are under-studied, under-diagnosed, under-treated, and under-aware. 80% of a woman's risk factors are within her control, and heart disease is largely preventable. There is a lot we can all do to help reduce the risk. For more information, visit www.cwhha.ca or www.heartandstroke.ca/women

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025!

Are you ready for an unforgettable day of inspiration, connection, and faith? Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, and join us at the stunning Old Mill in Toronto for the 16th annual **Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**. This one-of-a-kind event promises to reignite your spirit and bring together like-minded women on a journey of faith, hope, and transformation. Treat yourself to a day dedicated to spiritual growth and personal rejuvenation. Prepare to be inspired by incredible speakers and explore unique vendors. Light lunch and free parking included. For more information and to register, visit <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com>.

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