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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

PARISH STAFF

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 22 Lent 1	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, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Wendy Valere	
TUESDAY, February 24	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Marian Petersen	
WEDNESDAY, February 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Dolores Schmidt	
Thursday, February 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Raasch	
FRIDAY, February 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Matthew Boulanger † Jean Falzon † Cosimo Centrone † Deceased Members of the Ennett & Lynas Families (I) In thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, February 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lorenzo Cosentino	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Matthew Boulanger; Ivanka Bancic; Malcolm MacDonald; Jose Travassos; Colomba Nunno; Iva Romic.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Matthew Boulanger.

From the Pastor's Desk

On the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus enters the desert and faces temptation. In hunger and weakness, He chooses trust in the Father rather than comfort, power, or control. He shows us that true strength comes from faithfulness to God. Lent invites us into our own desert through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to turn away from distractions and renew our trust in God. Jesus has gone before us and overcome temptation, and He now walks with us. If we remain close to Him, He will lead us through the desert toward the joy of Easter.

Quote of the Week

"The most necessary virtue of all is love." — *St. Anthony Mary Claret*

Sunday Smile

Once upon a time, there lived a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed!

We are in need of more leaders for our Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Children's Liturgy groups. If you are interested in volunteering as a Children's Liturgy leader, please contact the parish office to start the Volunteer Screening process.

Friday Lenten Evenings of Prayer

On the Fridays of Lent, we will be offering an extra opportunity to spend some dedicated time with our Lord. Each Friday will consist of:

6:00pm - 6:45pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm - 6:45pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

Join us each Friday during the Lenten season.

Out of the Cold Georgetown

Operating out of Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, the Out of the Cold program provides a warm bed and meal during the winter months for those experiencing homelessness in our community. The program is currently seeking volunteers to assist with serving their guests, particularly needing help with overnight shifts. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, you can visit their website at <https://knoxgeorgetown.com/ootc>, or email them at outofthecoldgeorgetown@gmail.com

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 **February 22**. 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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance.) Registration can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Forty Hours

The number forty holds special meaning in our Catholic faith: the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years, Jesus fasted for forty days, and Lent lasts forty days (excluding Sundays). In this spirit, the Church observes the Forty Hours Devotion – a tradition in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for forty hours of prayer and adoration over several days. This Lent, Holy Cross Parish will host a Forty Hours in the Church from **Tuesday, March 10, through Friday, March 13**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Tuesday from 4:00pm–10:00pm (pausing for the 7:00pm Mass), Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30am–10:00pm, and Friday from 9:30am – 7:00pm. The regularly scheduled Friday Lenten Confessions and the Stations of the Cross will occur as usual. You and your family are warmly invited to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at any time over these forty hours. A sign-up sheet will be available next weekend for those wishing to commit to an hour.

CWL & KofC Annual Bursary

This year, the *Holy Cross Catholic Women's League* and the *Georgetown Knights of Columbus* will each be offering a **\$1,000 bursary** — one for a female student and one for a male student. As outlined in the application instructions, submissions should be made through our Parish secretary **by May 25, 2026**. Recipients will then be selected from the applications received.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer, outreach and fasting designed to change hearts and minds about abortion and euthanasia, starting on February 18th until March 29, 2026. We stand in silent vigil with signs, one block east of the Oakville hospital on the corner of Dundas Street W at Proudfoot Trail/Sweetwater Gate between the hours of 6am to 6pm. Volunteers are needed to help cover the 12 hours per day prayer vigil which allows us to bear witness to thousands of people who drive past, who will see

that help is available, and every life matters! For more information, and to sign up for a one hour of prayer timeslot, visit www.40DaysForLife.com/Oakville or call Steve Germann at 905-333-6472. You CAN make a difference - take action and help save lives in our community!

Hamilton Mission Youth Appeal

After all Masses on February 28 and March 1, teens from our Hamilton Mission Youth group will share about their upcoming missions trip to Montreal. During their March Break, these young people will spend the week feeding the homeless, serving in a shelter, assisting at a local parish and participating in community outreach (all while sleeping on the floor in a church basement) as they live out their faith through service. They are grateful for the prayers, encouragement and donations from our parish family as they prepare for this mission. Please keep them in your prayers and take a moment to learn more about how God is working through our youth.

Youth Pilgrimage Thank You!

The Conquest and Challenge Youth would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Holy Cross parish family for your generous support of the Rome Pilgrimage Bake Sale fundraiser. Your constant and unwavering support, kindness, and prayers mean so much to all of us and truly make a difference. A special thank you to Fr. Dave, Fr. Will, and our seminarian Joseph for their amazing cakes — they were a huge hit! Congratulations to our raffle winners: Luciana Pires, Eva Haynes, and Maria Lopes! We are so grateful to be part of such a loving and supportive parish community. Thank you, Holy Cross Family!

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Anti-bullying – Pink Shirt Day on February 25

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event that raises awareness about bullying and promotes kindness and inclusion. Bullying is a repeated behaviour that is intended to hurt, harm, or intimidate another person. It can take many forms, including physical aggression, verbal abuse, social exclusion, or online harassment, and can cause serious emotional and psychological harm. Bullying often involves a power imbalance, where the bully uses their strength, status, or popularity to control and manipulate their victim. BullyingCanada is Canada's only wrap-around mental health service dedicated to supporting bullied youth. They work one-on-one with the youth, their parents, and local supports for as long as it takes to bring an end to the bullying and support healing. BullyingCanada's **Lifeline: Bullied Youth Support Network** is a national support service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, offering life-changing assistance to bullied youth by phone, text, or email. For more information, visit www.bullyingcanada.ca For support, call or text 1-877-352-4497.

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