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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

Catholic Women's League

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Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 23 Ordinary 7	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 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Marian Skelton	
TUESDAY, February 25	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Rosemarie Hooper	
	6:00 - 630 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
WEDNESDAY, February 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Harry Ellis	
THURSDAY, February 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nelson Ponte	
FRIDAY, February 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Matt Boulanger † Lorenzo Cosentino † Manuel Ponte (I) Kathleen Graham	
SATURDAY, March 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) For the conversion of our Prodigal Children	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Anton Skok; Jean Robinson; Enrique Vivas Sosa; Tom, Carole & Brian Jawdek; Carol & Murray Somers.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of José Guilherme Tavares.

From the Pastor's Desk

We have in today's gospel a powerful message in which Jesus calls His followers to a radical love—one that extends even to enemies. He challenges us to go beyond human inclinations of retaliation and self-interest, urging us to love, bless, and pray for those who mistreat us. This teaching reflects the heart of God's mercy, emphasizing generosity, forgiveness, and the principle of giving without expecting in return. The passage concludes with the promise that as we show mercy, we will receive mercy, reinforcing the measure of grace we extend to others as the measure we will receive. It is a call to live with a heart like Christ's—one of selfless, unconditional love.

Quote of the Week

"Start being brave about everything, driving out darkness and spreading light as well. Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything." — *St. Catherine of Siena*

Sunday Smile

A truckload of Vick's Vaporub was spilled on the 401 today. Remarkably, there was no congestion for eight hours.

Ash Wednesday — March 5th

Ash Wednesday is approaching on March 5th. We will have Mass at 9am & 7pm. We will also have Ash Wednesday liturgies at our parish schools. Let's start Lent off on the right foot as we 'Repent and believe in the Gospel!'

Stations of the Cross — Fridays in Lent

Beginning on Fri, March 7th we will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm. Join us for this moving Lenten devotion.

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 Lords 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

Holy Land Christians - Craft Sale

On the weekend of March 1-2, representatives from "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", will briefly speak about the struggles of Christians in the Holy Land, and offer for sale items handcrafted by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayer and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at: www.HolylandChristians.ca

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

Coffee Sunday - Feb 22-23

Please join us for Coffee Sunday in Cote Hall after all Masses this weekend. We thank the **Catholic Women's League** for hosting! The CWL will have a table set up after all Masses 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 this weekend 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.

2024 Tax Receipts

2024 Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick up after all Masses this weekend. Any receipts not picked up this weekend will be mailed out next week.

Knights of Columbus Family Curling Day

The Knights of Columbus Pieta Council of Holy Cross is proud to present our 3rd Annual Holy Cross Family Curling Day. Join us at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday, March 8th. There are 2 time slots that you can sign up for.

Draw 1: 11am-2:30pm \$10/person (12<)/\$5/person (11>)

Draw 2: 3:30-9pm \$20/person (includes Curling & Dinner)

No experience is necessary as we will have instructors there to teach you the basics. All equipment will be provided. Children under 12 years of age must wear a helmet and everyone is encouraged to wear head protection. You must bring a separate clean pair of running shoes. For more information or to sign up, please contact Daniel Dragicevic at dandragicevic17@gmail.com or call 905-302-7336.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Anti-bullying - Pink Shirt Day on February 26

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event to raise awareness about bullying. BullyingCanada is Canada's only wrap-around mental health service for 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 help them heal. Bullying takes many forms, including physical, verbal, social or relational, and cyberbullying. Bullied Youth Support Network provides a safe space for youth to reach out by phone, texting or email, for expert help in bullying intervention and to learn how to deal with bullies. For more information visit www.bullyingcanada.ca, for support call or text 877-352-4497.

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>.

Life Talks Conference

Ticket sales have launched! Join us on Saturday, March 29, 2025 for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks! Full details and tickets online at www.haltalive.ca/lifetalks

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