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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 8 Ordinary 5	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 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
TUESDAY, February 10	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Colin Kelly	
WEDNESDAY, February 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) The Fuller Family	
Thursday, February 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Larry Lobsinger	
FRIDAY, February 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Joseph deSousa ✠ Frank Parafati ✠ Tommy Sara (I) Adya Binson (I) Gary Brown (I) Special Intentions	
SATURDAY, February 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Personal Intentions	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Sixth in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Monica & Raymond Hynes; Delia & Kevin Soares; Vida & Frank Spes; Frank & Maria Vieira; Belmira Ponte; Maria Fatima DeSousa; Rita Barnard; Manuel Espirito Santo & Deceased Family Members; Joao Baptista.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the Skok & Zorman Families.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses two simple, everyday metaphors to define our mission: Salt and Light. Salt was essential for preserving food and bringing out its best flavor. As Christians, we are called to be a "preservative" in society—standing against injustice and bringing the "flavour" of God's love to our neighborhoods. Light naturally dispels darkness and provides direction. Jesus reminds us that a lamp belongs on a stand, not under a bushel basket. Our faith isn't meant to be a private secret, but a public glow that guides others toward the Father. This week, ask yourself: *In what area of my life can I be a little more "salty"? Where is God asking me to turn up the light?*

Quote of the Week

"Conversion to God always consists in discovering God's mercy." — St. John Paul II

Sunday Smile

I saw an ad in a store window that said "Television for Sale - \$1 - Volume Stuck On Full." I thought to myself, "I can't turn that down!"

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.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, February 10th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

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.

HCYA Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the HCYA Euchre Tournament. It was an amazing success, everyone had lots of fun and the winners walked away with some great prizes. It was so successful that we raised \$1,470.05 for Holy Cross HELPS! The HCYA and Holy Cross HELPS is incredibly grateful for all of you who made this possible. Holy Cross HELPS is especially thankful to the whole parish who continue to make it possible for them to keep helping so many. If you still want to donate but never got the chance, the last Sunday of each month there is a collection for Holy Cross HELPS. Thank you all so much!

When Life Changes Grief Program

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. Both part one and two will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. All are welcome. To register look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Part One – When Life Changes will be offered on Wednesday afternoons from February 18- March 25 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

Part Two – The Ongoing Journey (for those who have previously completed Part One) is offered on Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13 from 7:00-8:30pm.

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 are available in the Narthex-please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish contact the office.

Youth Pilgrimage Bake Sale

Support our Conquest and Challenge youth as they prepare for a pilgrimage to Rome in July 2026! A bake sale will be held after all masses Feb 14 and 15, with baked goods available for purchase in the narthex. Donations of home-baked goods are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off in the parish hall before the 5:00pm Mass and before the 9:00am Mass. The youth making this pilgrimage are extremely grateful for your continued support and prayers. Thank you for helping them on this faith-filled journey!

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.

The next session is Sat, Feb 21 from 9:00-10:30am. For further information please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Her Heart Matters - Wear Red on February 13

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 diagnosing and treating 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. Male hormones tend to enlarge arteries, while female hormones make them smaller, making women's arteries more prone to blood clots or blockages and more difficult to repair. Globally, cardiovascular disease affects 1 in 3 women, yet women remain 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

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