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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

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905-702-8001

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 9 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 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
TUESDAY, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Chris Litster	
	6:00 - 630 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
WEDNESDAY, February 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Christa Fuller Williams	
THURSDAY, February 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, February 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Andrea Lanzarotta ✠ Aurelio Viola ✠ Jean Falzon (I) the Evanoff Family in thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, February 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Zofia Szymonowicz	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Steve Posavec; Rita Barnard; Maria Dinh Thi Nen; Delia & Kevin Soares; Anton Skok; Loretta Maloney; Maria Leonor Frias.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Flora Aguilar.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's gospel tells the story of Jesus calling His first disciples, specifically Simon Peter, James, and John. After a miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter falls at Jesus' feet, overwhelmed by awe and humility, declaring himself a sinful man. Jesus responds by reassuring him and calling him to a greater mission — to become a "fisher of people." What stands out most for me is Jesus' response to Simon's sense of sinfulness and unworthiness. God doesn't call the perfect; He transforms and commissions the willing. This passage invites us to recognize God's ability to do the extraordinary through ordinary lives when we say "yes" to His call.

Quote of the Week

"Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." — St. John Vianney

Sunday Smile

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

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

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, ext. 239

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

Halton Survey: Sense of Belonging

Community Development Halton, Our Kids Network, Halton Equity Diversity Roundtable (HEDR), and Grandmothers Voice are collaborating to conduct a region-wide survey about belonging. The survey is intended to gather information from individuals across Halton to understand if people experience belonging in our communities, how people experience belonging, and what factors make it possible. The information collected will be shared at HEDR's June 5th Conference www.hedroundtable.com/2024conference. The survey findings will help them have an important conversation about belonging in our communities. All answers are anonymous and will be held in confidence. The survey is open now and can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/rQ5WVXYW until February 14. They invite everyone to participate in the survey!

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, February 11th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

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>. Early bird registration before February 14.

Pub Night Fundraiser for GFORCe3

Pub Night featuring music, food, drinks, and silent auction will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St. Alban's Church Hall, Glen Williams beginning at 7 pm. No admission fee, just a fun evening. Invite your friends and help GFORCe3 to support their refugee family.

Milton Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner and Dance

In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, Saturday February 15th, Granite Ridge Golf Course - The early bird price of \$100 has been extended to Monday February 10th! Come out and enjoy a fabulous four course meal, music, door prizes, and silent auction. All are welcome to this event so feel free to get a group of your friends together. For more information or to order tickets go to www.holyrosaryknights.ca/valentines-gala or call Daniel Varanelli at 905 875-6699.

Vocations Dance - February 14th, 2025 - Mount Mary

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and for singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, February 14th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a Vox Talk on "The Theology of Dancing and Dating", a dance instructor, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online Registration Required by February 11th. For more details, visit: <https://hamilton-diocese.com/events/> For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Our Lady of the Rosary Lay Carmelite Spirituality Group

"Carmel, is a source of wealth for the whole Christian Community" Pope St. John Paul II Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women who "live in the following of Jesus Christ according to the traditions and spirit of Carmel". They are called to a vocation of love, seeking God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Our next meeting is on **Saturday, February 15th, at 1:30 pm** in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Website: www.laycarmelites.org. For more information, contact: **Noreen D'Souza**: noreendsouza72@gmail.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.haltionalive.ca/lifetalks

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