

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Established as a Parish in the 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

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### SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, July 27 Ordinary 17	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	*** No 12:00 p.m. Mass until September 7 <sup>th</sup>
MONDAY, July 28		NO MASS	***No Monday morning Mass until September 8 <sup>th</sup>
TUESDAY, July 29	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Aurelio Viola	
WEDNESDAY, July 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Roy Brown	
THURSDAY, July 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Vito Brancatella	
FRIDAY, August 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass  † Kata Babic † Holy Souls † William Pierson (I) Personal Family Intentions (I) Jim Clarke (I) Katie Kiss	
SATURDAY, August 2	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 - the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Kristina  Cosic; Frank & Maria Vieira; Chiara Santarelli & Rosa De Lellis;  Dana Siscar; Maria Albano; Anna Byers; Ika Pucic.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the living and deceased members of our friends and families.

### From the Pastor's Desk

In this week's gospel Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray, offering them the Lord's Prayer as a model of simple, trusting communication with God. He then encourages perseverance in prayer through the parable of the friend at midnight and the promise that those who ask, seek, and knock will receive, find, and have doors opened. At the heart of this reading is the image of God as a loving Father who delights in giving good gifts to His children. Jesus reminds us that God is not distant or indifferent; He listens, responds, and gives us the Holy Spirit—the greatest gift of all. This passage challenges us to approach God with childlike faith, persistence, and confidence, knowing that He desires what is truly good for us, even when His answers may come in unexpected ways. Prayer is not about getting everything we want, but about deepening our relationship with the One who knows our needs better than we do.

### **Quote of the Week**

"The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey." — St. Anthony of Padua

### **Sunday Smile**

I applied for a job hanging mirrors. It's something I can see myself doing.

### **New Sound System for the Church - UPDATE**

The installers continue to work on our new audio system, taking the time needed to properly tune the microphones and speakers. We are still using our old system, but hope to go 'live' with the new system in a couple of weeks when the audio specialists can be present on a weekend to make sure all the settings are properly dialed in with a full church and a full choir. Thanks for your patience — all this work will result in a much improved sound quality in the church!

### We Say Goodbye to Our Pastoral Associate, Jennifer Cauchi!

Our Pastoral Associate, Jennifer Cauchi, will be leaving us in August to pursue a new career opportunity! Although it is with sadness that we say goodbye, we wish her well in her future endeavors. Jennifer has been a wonderful addition to our pastoral team, doing so much good work with our schools, sacramental preparation, grief support, as well as assisting with so many other ministries in our parish. She will be greatly missed, but we thank her for her years of service to Holy Cross Parish and we are happy that she remains a parishioner in our parish family! May God bless you abundantly Jennifer in the next chapter of your career journey!

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, August 3 Ordinary 18	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	*** No 12:00 p.m. Mass until September 7 <sup>th</sup>
MONDAY, August 4		NO MASS	***No Monday morning Mass until September 8 <sup>th</sup>
TUESDAY, August 5	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Noreen Miehm	
WEDNESDAY, August 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Maria Branco	
THURSDAY, August 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Wladyslaw Adamczyk	
FRIDAY, August 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass  † Christa Fuller Williams (I) Zenaida Van Klink (I) In thanksgiving to St. Francis of Assisi & St. Anthony (I) Greta Spalding Martin (I) Sebastian, Rosa & Simon	
SATURDAY, August 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Dawn Hood-Gloumeau	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Sylvia Murphy; Nunzio Varricchio & Mariana Sisi; Delia & Kevin Soares; Julio Pereira; Jozef Piasecki; Danica Radisevic; Rosalina dos Anjos, Joao Caetano Cabral & Maria de Lourdes Piques; Myron Ruzycky.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rosalina dos Anjos.

### **Diocese of Hamilton Donation to Holy Cross Parish**

As mentioned last weekend, we were excited to learn that as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton have decided to assist parishes with their debt load, and that they have forgiven an incredible \$1 million on our church loan! This will reduce the amount currently owing from approximately \$4.5 million to \$3.5 million. This is a great boost to our goal of becoming debtfree, and we offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation for this incredibly generous gesture!

### VBS - Vacation Bible School - TRUE NORTH!

There is still time and limited spaces available! Your little ones will love this fun and faith-filled **Northern Adventure** where they will build friendships and experience *Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* This half-day camp is for children entering **Senior Kindergarten to Gr. 4 in the fall** and will run **Mon. Aug. 11 to Fri. Aug. 15 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish hall. Registration forms are in the Narthex and can be dropped off with payment at the Parish Office or by email/e-transfer at holycrossgeorgetown@hamiltondiocese.com

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

### International Day of Friendship is July 30

The International Day of Friendship was established by the UN General Assembly in 2011. Friendships enrich our lives in countless ways, providing companionship, emotional support, joy, and shared experiences. They nurture a sense of belonging, acceptance, and understanding, making them invaluable to our mental and emotional well-being. This year's theme, Forging Friendships in a Complex World, highlights the vital role friendships play in building trust, encouraging cooperation, and fostering cross-cultural understanding, especially in times of global uncertainty and change. For more information, visit www.webmd.com/mental-health/psychological-benefits-of-friendship and www.un.org/en/observances/friendship-day

### **Prayer for the World at Midday**

Fridays at 12:15pm starting August 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Alban's Church, Acton. Join us in our beautiful garden as we pray for justice and peace in our communities, country and the world. Just 15 minutes (weather permitting) to pray, meditate, and commune with nature.

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