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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

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 1 Lent 2	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, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Rochelle Boxell	
TUESDAY, March 3	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Carol Ann Bennett	
WEDNESDAY, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Walmart Canada Employees	
Thursday, March 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Serge Levesque	
FRIDAY, March 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Vito & Caterina Barbuto † Murray Morrison † Maria Branco (I) Mona May Hohendorf	
SATURDAY, March 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Rodney, Thelma & Gertrude Miranda	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maureen Kenny; Chris Wilcox; Frank & Maria Vieira; Joao Victor Sousa; Tom Musicco; Albertina Branco & Julio & Eulalia Pereira; Joe Scibilia; Maria Bukovcan.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parish.

From the Pastor's Desk

This second Sunday of Lent we find ourselves on the mountain with Jesus as he is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His glory shines through, and the Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son... listen to him." This moment comes just after Jesus foretells his suffering and death. The disciples are given this glimpse of glory to strengthen them for the journey ahead. Lent invites us up the mountain with Jesus—not to escape the world, but to see more clearly who he is. When we listen to him in prayer, Scripture, and silence, he transforms us. Even in the midst of sacrifice and struggle, we are reminded that suffering is not the end. Glory awaits those who walk faithfully with Christ.

Quote of the Week

"When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than that proceeding from the mouth." — *St. Bonaventure*

Sunday Smile

I just found out my countertops are slate. I've been taking them for granite this whole time.

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.

1st Reconciliation Celebration

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Grade 2 students of our parish this week! Keep our young people in your prayers as they experience this beautiful sacrament of God's mercy for the first time!

Lenten Day of Reconciliation – Sat, March 21st

Once again this Lent we will offer a Lenten Day of Reconciliation on **Sat, March 21st from 9:30am-4:30pm**. Plan to join us anytime during that window and we will have priests here all day ready to hear your confession before Easter!

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 about forty days. 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 Devotion 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. Those wishing to commit to an hour may sign up in the narthex.

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

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.

Easter Basket Brigade 2026 - March 28th, 9:30 am

Georgetown Christian Reformed Church - In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity Halton Hills has identified approximately 225 families in need of groceries in Halton Hills. To help we are suggesting each family in our congregation share Easter by purchasing (2) \$50.00 Grocery Gift Cards - or donating the cash equivalent - by Sunday, March 24th. Easter Cards can also be made to include with the basket. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Please forward all donations, grocery cards and Easter cards to your Church Representative. Please forward any questions to Celia at holycrosscuhh@gmail.com. Online donations can be made at www.communityunityhaltonhills.com and clicking "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated.

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.

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Self-Injury Awareness Day is March 1

People experiencing emotional distress may sometimes harm themselves as a coping mechanism. Learning more about self-injury helps reduce stigma and creates a safer place for people to seek support. When stigma is reduced, it becomes easier for people to ask for help. On Self-Injury Awareness Day, take time to explore mental health resources that can be helpful for you or a loved one. Help is available: call 9-1-1 if you are in immediate danger; if you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, call or text 9-8-8 (available 24/7); for Indigenous people, call 1-855-242-3310 (24/7) or visit www.hopeforwellness.ca; and for the Kids Help Phone, call 1-800-668-6868, text CONNECT to 6876868, or visit www.KidsHelpPhone.ca. For more information, visit www.canada.ca/mental-health or www.988.ca.

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