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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 15 Lent 4	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 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Wendy Valere	
TUESDAY, March 17	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Sylvia Murphy	
WEDNESDAY, March 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Manfred Raasch	
Thursday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Lainey McMahon	
FRIDAY, March 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Steve Posavec & Deceased Members of the Vincek Family † Giuseppe Brancatella † Maya Sasseville † Rhic Martinez † Zenaida Van Klink	
SATURDAY, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj	
	9:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Lenten Day of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Anton Skok; Ambrosina Travassos; Jean Falzon; Joe Esteireiro; Ivan Babic; Frank Doe; Agnes Abiodun Ogunsanwo; Ann Nicolucci.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Marie & Gerald Haire.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, John 9:1–41, Jesus gives sight to a man who had never seen. At first glance, the miracle seems to be about physical blindness—but as the story unfolds, another kind of blindness appears. The man who was blind gradually comes to see who Jesus is, while the religious leaders, certain of their own insight, refuse to recognize the truth standing before them. The Gospel gently asks us to examine our own sight. Where do we need Christ to open our eyes? Sometimes our habits, assumptions, or pride can keep us from recognizing God at work in our lives and in others. The man who was healed simply tells his story: "I was blind, and now I see." During this Lenten season, we are invited to make that same journey—from darkness to light—allowing Christ to open our eyes more fully to faith, humility, and the grace already at work among us.

Quote of the Week

"Love is repaid by love alone." — *St. Francis de Sales*

Sunday Smile

Which country's capital is the fastest growing? Ireland. Every year it's Dublin.

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.

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!

Come Back Popcorn – A Redemption Story

The ladies of Holy Rosary Milton CWL along with the Vanier Chaplaincy group invite you to mark your calendars! Come to a talk presented by Emily O'Brien and be inspired by her story. Emily is the founder and CEO of **Come Back Popcorn**, and she has a story of redemption to tell. This talk will be of interest to high schoolers and adults. Emily will be speaking at Holy Rosary Church, **Milton** on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm. Several flavours of popcorn will be available for purchase. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

The **Easter Basket Brigade 2026** will take place on **Saturday, March 28** at **Georgetown Christian Fellowship Church** (on Highway 7). Anyone who would like to volunteer to deliver are welcome to join us at **9:30 AM**. In conjunction with the Georgetown Bread Basket, Community Unity Halton Hills has identified more than 230 families already in need this Easter. To help we are suggesting families share Easter by purchasing (2)- \$50 grocery gift cards -or giving the cash equivalent- by Sunday March 21st. Easter cards can also be made to include with the Easter basket. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Please forward all grocery cards, cash donations, and Easter cards to your church representative (or mark an envelope EBB and place it in the collection basket). Questions can be directed to Celia at Holycrosscuhh@gmail.com. Online donations can also be made at www.Communityunityhaltonhills.com click "Donate" - Canada Helps and a tax receipt will be instantly generated.

Save the Dates!

VBS at Holy Cross Church will be offering an exciting camp this summer from Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th! We begin at 9:00am and end at noon each day. If you are heading **into SK** in September all the way up to **staring Grade 4**, we invite you to come and explore Rome with us!! Our theme is: **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. Each day, your team will explore the Bible Room, Music Room, Creative Room, Activity Room and Enjoy a snack break, too! On Friday, we culminate in a wonderful concert for family and friends to attend. Don't miss out on the fun as we learn about the love Jesus has for us through these activities! Registration opens May 1st. Please contact Patti at birk@cogeco.ca for more information.

CWL NEWS

The March CWL General Council Meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting, on April 21st, is our annual baby shower for Shifra House.

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.

Couples Retreat - 5 Love Languages in Married Life

Saturday, April 18th, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Hall. As we approach the Easter season, a time of renewal and new life, take a day to invest in your marriage. This retreat offers couples the opportunity to step away from daily distractions and reconnect with one another and with God. Through talks on the five love languages, personal reflection, couple sharing, the celebration of Mass, and a

renewal of marriage vows, you will gain practical tools to strengthen your relationship and begin Easter with fresh grace. Led by Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, and team. Cost: \$65 per couple (includes lunch and snacks). Registration required. Space is limited. Register at: www.regnumchristiontario.org

17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 21, 2026 *Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga*. Keynote Speaker - Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman? Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World. April Smith from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously. Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat. Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family. Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass. Register at www.dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

March 15-21 is National Poison Prevention Week

Parachute is Canada's national charity dedicated to injury prevention, including accidental poisonings. National Poison Prevention Week is an annual campaign that raises awareness about poisoning-related injuries and deaths. Each year, more than **5,000 people in Canada lose their lives due to poisoning**. For 2026, the campaign encourages Canadians to **#RethinkPoisons** and use over-the-counter medications and natural health products safely. Medications are the leading cause of poisoning in Canada. This includes prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and natural health products. To reduce risk, talk to your doctor or pharmacist, read labels carefully, and use products as directed. Know the causes of unintentional poisoning in **children**: medications (prescription and non-prescription); vitamins; cigarettes (nicotine and vape liquid), cannabis (including edibles); alcohol; household cleaners; laundry detergent and bleach; personal care products (such as mouthwash or nail polish); automotive fluids; pesticides; and certain plants. If you need help, the **Ontario Poison Centre** is available 24/7, in any language, at **1-800-268-9017**. They can help with poison emergencies and questions about poisoning. For more information and resources, visit www.parachute.ca

Georgetown Bach Chorale

The Georgetown Bach Chorale presents J.S.Bach's dramatic rendition of his revered work, The Passion According to St. John on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 2 pm in St. John's United Church in Georgetown, 11 Guelph Street. Marcel van Helden will be the evangelist supported by Baroque Chamber orchestra and choir, conducted from the harpsichord under the leadership of Ron Greidanus. Tickets are \$45 adult/ \$15 for students. For tickets: www.georgetownbachchorale.com; *Ron Greidaus* at 905-873-9909; *Foodstuffs*, 89 Main Street South, Georgetown at 905-877-6569; the *Holland Shop*, 71 Mill Street East, Acton at 519-853-0950.

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