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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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PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, March 29	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 OF HOLY WEEK, March 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Manuel & Angelina Medeiros	
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 31	5:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	****This is the last opportunity for Reconciliation (Confession) before Easter.
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Jacqueline Sobczak	
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mark Coulson	
HOLY THURSDAY, April 2	9:00 a.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
GOOD FRIDAY, April 3	11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY, April 4	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Food	
	8:00 p.m.	Solemn Easter Vigil	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Renato Dias.

From the Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As we carry palms and hear the Passion proclaimed, we are invited to reflect on the contrast between the crowd's joyful praise and the suffering that lies ahead. This day calls us to follow Christ more faithfully, walking with Him through His Passion toward the hope of the Resurrection.

Quote of the Week

"Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives... Let us spread before His feet not garments or lifeless branches, but ourselves." — *St. Andrew of Crete*

Sunday Smile

My father liked to say, "As one door closes, another opens." Beautiful man, terrible cabinet maker.

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.

Sacred Image Coverings

You may have noticed that the statues around the church have been covered in purple. It is tradition during the final weeks

of Lent to veil statues and images. This practice invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion as we approach Holy Week. As sacred images are hidden, we are reminded to focus inwardly, preparing our hearts for the suffering, death, and ultimately the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

Handling of Old Palms

As we take home a 'fresh' palm this weekend, people often ask what they should do with their old palms. Having been blessed, they should be disposed of with respect. The old palms should be disposed of either by burning them, or burying them in your garden.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00pm

Holy Thursday Adoration – 8:00pm-10:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy – 11:00am & 3:00pm (Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm)

Holy Saturday – Blessing of Easter Foods – 12:00pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass – 7:30am; 9:00am, 10:30am; 12:00pm

Final Holy Week Confession Time

Tuesday, March 31st – 5:00pm-6:45pm. Please note there will be no confessions scheduled on Friday or Saturday this week.

Protect Mental Health, Protect Life — Support Bill C-218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This

proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026. If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218

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!

Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - Nov. 3-14, 2026

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Space is limited so register soon.

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.regnumchristionario.org

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 & 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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

March 30 is World Bipolar Day

Bipolar disorder is a mental illness characterized by mood fluctuations. Those living with bipolar disorder experience episodes of depression and episodes of mania. Depressive episodes can resemble other forms of depression, while mania or hypomania is an unusually high mood for the person. Bipolar disorder is a brain disorder that causes unusual shifts in mood, energy, activity levels, and the ability to carry out day-to-day tasks. These symptoms are severe and different from the normal ups and downs that everyone experiences from time to time. World Bipolar Day is celebrated on March 30th, the birthday of Vincent Van Gogh, who was posthumously diagnosed as probably having bipolar disorder. The day aims to raise global awareness, reduce stigma and discrimination, and promote a better understanding of what bipolar is and isn't. While stigma is pervasive within all mental illnesses, this is especially true for bipolar disorder. World Bipolar Day serves as an important opportunity to foster empathy, education, and support for those living with the condition. For more information, visit <https://cmha.ca/news/people-with-bipolar-disorder-can-thrive-world-bipolar-day-qa/> and https://www.worldbipolarliday.org/about_wbd.html

Seniors' Spring Social

The Health and Wellness Committee warmly invites all seniors in our community to attend a **Spring Social on Friday, May 1st**, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** in Cote Hall for a relaxing afternoon of friendship and fellowship. Entertainment and light refreshments provided. We look forward to welcoming you and any family members who may be helping with your transportation to this special gathering!

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