



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

## 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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

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### Saint Brigid School

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 8 Lent 3	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 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nell Van Ravens & Deceased Family Members	
TUESDAY, March 10	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Malcolm MacDonald	
WEDNESDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Gary Brown	
Thursday, March 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Ennett & Lynas Families	
FRIDAY, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Steve Major † Tommy Sara † Alberto Barsallo & Margo Barsallo de Mendez (I) Personal Intentions (I) In thanksgiving for Fr. Dave & Fr. Will	
SATURDAY, March 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Alice, Walter & Kelly Miranda	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Sylvia Murphy; Marie & Gerald Haire; Maria Lourdes Costa; Jose De Melo; Angelo Michele Altomare; Jim Dawe. Intentions of Brian & Joanna Simpson.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bridget Syme.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

In today's gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and asks her for a drink. In doing so, He crosses social and religious boundaries and opens the door to something far greater. She comes seeking ordinary water - He offers her "living water" - the gift of grace that satisfies the deepest thirst of the human heart. Jesus knows her story completely, yet He does not condemn her. Instead, He invites her into true worship. Changed by this encounter, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell others, "Come and see." When we allow Christ to meet us honestly in our own need, He transforms us as well - and sends us out to share the joy we have found.

**Quote of the Week**

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises a person to heaven." — *St. Ephrem*

**Sunday Smile**

Why do the French only have one egg for breakfast? Because one egg is un oeuf.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>**

Once again this Lent we will offer a Lenten Day of Reconciliation on **Sat, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Prayer Shawl Meeting**

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

### **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](mailto:Holycrosscuhh@gmail.com). Online donations can also be made at [www.Communityunityhaltonhills.com](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>! 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Patti at [birk@cogeco.ca](mailto:birk@cogeco.ca) for more information.

### **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.

### **CWL NEWS**

The March CWL General Council Meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### **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](http://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!

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **March is Nutrition Month**

The theme for Nutrition Month 2026, announced by the Dietitians of Canada, is **Nourish to Flourish**. This theme highlights the profound connections between food and overall well-being, emphasizing the transformative role of nutrition in our lives. It goes beyond the basics of physiological health to celebrate the integral role of nutrition in mental health, emotional resilience, and fostering social and cultural connections. It is versatile, meaningful, and inspiring, opening the door to countless opportunities for promoting the power of nutrition across our lives. For more information, visit [www.dietitians.ca/Events/Nutrition-Month](http://www.dietitians.ca/Events/Nutrition-Month). For healthy eating guidance, visit <https://food-guide.canada.ca>.

#### **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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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