

## 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

Catholic Women's League Joan Ryder, President 647-624-7313 joanryder@outlook.com

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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 16 Ordinary 33	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, November 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass <sup>†</sup> Vito Brancatella	
TUESDAY, November 18	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ♥ Ricarda & Rosario Falzon	
WEDNESDAY November 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass v John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
THURSDAY, November 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass <sup>†</sup> Manuel De Sousa	
FRIDAY, November 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass  † Pat & Paula Canavan † Terry Bellinger † Mike Saavedra (I) Rob & Chris Fines (I) In honour of the Miraculous Medal	
SATURDAY, November 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Jorgina & Fernando Ponte	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar;  Ivan & Ljubica Babic; Eugenio Albano Jr. & Sr. & Maria Francelina Albano; Jose  Tavares & Joao Cabral; Jose Pimentel; George & Conciecao Goncalves & George  Frietas; Slavko Romic; Silvertre & Rosa De Lellis; Doris Galea.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mike Warman.

### From the Pastor's Desk

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples that the magnificent Temple they admire will one day fall—and that suffering, persecution, and chaos will follow. Yet amid these troubling words, Jesus offers deep reassurance: "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Our faith is not measured by how peaceful or easy our days are, but by how steadfastly we cling to Christ when the world shakes around us. Jesus does not promise escape from trials - He promises His abiding presence through them. The Christian's strength lies in this quiet trust—that God's love endures even when everything else seems uncertain. As the liturgical year nears its end, we are invited to renew that steadfast hope: to look beyond what fades, and to fix our hearts on the One who never fails.

## **Quote of the Week**

"If we wish to learn the art of living well and dying well, let us not follow the crowd, which only believes and values what is seen. Instead, let us follow Christ." — St. Robert Bellarmine

## **Sunday Smile**

I heard on the news that some guy was stealing wheels off police cars. The police are working tirelessly to catch him.

## Scam Emails Impersonating Fr. Dave

Sadly, there has been another recent round of someone impersonating Fr. Dave with a fake email address. The message always goes something like this, "I need your help but I can't talk right now", and after some email correspondence a request for gift cards, Bitcoin or a cash e-transfer is requested. Please know that Fr. Dave will never send such an email requesting money. If you receive such an email, just ignore it and send it to where it belongs – your email's trash bin!

### **CWL NEWS**

The November CWL General Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Cote Hall, after the 7:00pm Mass. This will be the last meeting of 2025. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome.

## **KofC and CWL Christmas Social**

The Knights of Columbus and the Holy Cross Catholic Women's League will be hosting their third annual Parish Christmas Social on the evening of Saturday, November29. Tickets are \$40 and are available in the Narthex after weekend Masses or by contacting Joe Crane 647-232-6630 or Joan Ryder at 647-624-7313. *Come out and enjoy an evening with good friends*.

## A Walk with Jesus Retreat Day for Grieving Parents

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **NEW! Saturday Good Shepherd Atrium**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 13, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We will be starting a Level 1 session twice a month starting Saturday, December 6 from 9:00-10:30am. For more information, please contact the parish office.

## **Need Help Finding the Right Healthcare Services?**

You're not alone. The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team Navigation Line is here to support you! Whether you need healthcare assistance, social services, or just a little guidance, we're only a phone call away.

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## **Health and Wellness Committee Invitation**

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at <a href="mailto:linda.m.motz@gmail.com">linda.m.motz@gmail.com</a>

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

## **November is Diabetes Awareness Month**

This Diabetes Awareness Month, Diabetes Canada is launching a new campaign to confront the stigma experienced by more than four million Canadians diagnosed with diabetes. The campaign challenges harmful myths and misinformation that lead to blame, shame, and judgment—deeply affecting the wellbeing of people managing this complex chronic condition every day. The theme this year is "Stop the stigma. Learn the truth." Despite common misconceptions, diabetes is not caused by eating too much sugar, and people don't "give themselves" diabetes. While the prevention of type 1 diabetes has not yet been identified despite extensive research, some steps can reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Making healthy lifestyle changes - such as eating healthy, moving more, and losing weight if you live with overweight or obesity – are among the most effective ways to lower your risk. For more information, visit www.diabetes.ca or www.diabetes.ca/en-CA/about-diabetes-canada/change-the-conversation-aboutdiabetes#. To take the Canadian Diabetes Risk Questionnaire, visit www.healthycanadian.gc.ca/en/canrisk

## **CWL Prayer Intention Box**

The CWL have purchased a Prayer Intention Box for the parish. It is outside the sacristy. Please feel free to put in your prayer requests. On Marian feast days the prayer box will be placed in the Church.

### Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Contact the parish office for further details.

### **Hospital Stays**

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

### **Rosary Repairs**

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

## **Have You Recently Moved?**

If you have moved or changed your phone number please contact the parish office.

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