

### 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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#### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 23 Christ the King	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 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Tucker	
TUESDAY, November 25	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Ricarda & Rosario Falzon	
WEDNESDAY November 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
THURSDAY, November 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass <sup>↑</sup> Manuel De Sousa	
FRIDAY, November 28	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 29	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 - the First Sunday of Advent  Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Mike Warman; 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 for the intentions of L. Luciow.

#### From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we celebrate the final feast of the liturgical year: the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Church places this solemnity here to remind us that all of history—our own lives included—moves toward Christ, who reigns not with worldly power but with the mercy and truth of God. His throne is the Cross, His crown is love, and His kingdom is made visible wherever hearts are shaped by His grace. In a world often marked by division, fear, and competing claims to authority, today's feast invites us to remember whose voice we follow and whose reign endures. Christ the King leads us not by domination, but by self-giving service; He conquers not by force, but by forgiveness. To call Him our King is to choose His way of life: compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, and fidelity to the Gospel.

#### **Quote of the Week**

"Christ reigns, not by seizing power, but by pouring out His life for the salvation of all." — St. Cyril of Alexandria

#### **Sunday Smile**

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

#### 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!

#### **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*.

#### **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.

#### **Sunday (Novalis) Missals**

2026 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2025 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

#### **Coffee Sunday**

Next weekend, November 30 is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting!

#### **Holy Cross HELPS**

On November 29/30 there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. This collection allows HELPS to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas. This weekend an envelope is attached to the bulletin for this special Christmas assistance. Thank you for your continue support to this worthy cause.

#### **Blood Pressure Clinic**

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on November 30. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help with any of our Blood Pressure Clinics, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

#### **Young Adults Night at Holy Cross Parish**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For m or e in formation, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

#### **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.

#### Jones Funeral Home Candlelight Service

You and your family are invited to attend the Annual Christmas Candlelight Service at Jones Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Road, on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00pm. Refreshments to follow in the Trafalgar Room. Please confirm you attendance at 9 0 5 - 8 7 7 - 3 6 3 1. Livestream available at www.jonesfuneralhome.co

#### **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 Osteoporosis Awareness Month**

"Break myths. Not bones." is Osteoporosis Canada's awareness campaign this year. Osteoporosis, known as the "silent thief," causes bones to deteriorate over a number of years without any symptoms, until a bone breaks. Unfortunately, by the time this happens, the disease is already fairly advanced and less treatable. The most common fractures associated with osteoporosis are in the hip, spine, wrist, and shoulder. While osteoporosis affects both men and women, women are at greater risk due to the decline in estrogen after menopause. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will break a bone due to osteoporosis. Risk factors include age, sex, calcium and vitamin D intake, physical activity, alcohol consumption, smoking, family history of osteoporosis, certain medications, and some medical conditions. A Bone Mineral Density (BMD) test can determine whether you have osteoporosis, how likely you are to develop it in the future, and help you to make decisions that may prevent fractures or further bone loss. For more information or to take the Risk Quiz, visit www.osteoporosis.ca/break-myths-not-bones

#### **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.

#### **Have You Recently Moved?**

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

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