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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 30 <i>Advent 1</i>	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, December 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ William Coffrin	
TUESDAY, December 2	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Leslie Rutherford	
WEDNESDAY December 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Nunzio Varricchio	
THURSDAY, December 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Antonio Borges & Deceased Family Members	
FRIDAY, December 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Kata Babic ✠ Mike Motz ✠ Carlos Page ✠ Pedro Neira ✠ Carmel Paris & all the faithful departed (I) Cathy Anderson	
SATURDAY, December 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) For the Conversion of our Prodigal Children	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick & Bill Stoyles; Maria Branco; Maria deSousa; Jose DeMelo; Peter Glynn; Maureen Kenny; Peter Hrkac; David Rose.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Pat Canavan.

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we begin a new liturgical year, stepping once again into the quiet, hopeful season of Advent. The Gospel invites us to cultivate a spirit of readiness—not through fear, but through faithful attentiveness to the Lord's presence breaking into our daily lives. Advent is a time of longing, expectation, and renewed desire for God. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we mark the dawning of hope. Christ comes to us in history, mystery, and glory: born in Bethlehem, present in the sacraments and the Church, and returning at the end of time. Let this season be an opportunity to slow down, to pray more intentionally, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel, "God-with-us."

Quote of the Week

"Advent is a time of waiting, of conversion, of hope." — St. John Paul II

Sunday Smile

Parallel lines have so much in common...it's a shame they'll never meet.

Welcome Fr. Mark Morley, Vocation Director

We welcome Fr. Mark Morley this weekend, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton. He will be preaching at all Masses, and will be back next Saturday (Dec 6th) to host an evening of prayer, music and fellowship for Young Adults. Welcome to Holy Cross Parish Fr. Mark!

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!

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.

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.***

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

This weekend there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. This collection allows HELPS to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas. Please make cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish. 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 more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 your attendance at 905-877-3631. 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 linda.m.motz@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

November is Fall Prevention Awareness Month

Together, we can raise awareness about fall prevention and encourage everyone to recognize their role in preventing falls and fall-related injuries across all ages. Falling is a normal part of development as children learn to walk, climb, run, jump, play, and explore their environment. Most childhood falls do not result in serious injury; however, falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospital admissions among children aged 0 to 14. As we age, natural changes in our bodies can affect how we feel, move, and behave. Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations, with 20-30% of older adults experiencing a fall each year. Strategies to prevent falls in older adults: exercises that challenge balance and build strength, don't rush when walking or getting up, have vision and hearing checked regularly, review your medications regularly with your pharmacist or doctor, wear well-fitting sturdy shoes, use a cane or mobility aid if needed, and keep stairs and walkways clear of clutter. For more information, visit www.parachute.ca or talk to your doctor.

Planning with a Purpose

The Townsend Smith Foundation in partnership with Momentum Financial Services is pleased to offer an informative evening for our community. Peter Sproule from Momentum Financial will review how to protect your loved ones, organize your estate, and build a legacy that reflects your value. He will walk through estate organization, gifts of securities, life insurance, wills, and tax-efficient planning. You'll pick up practical ways to manage your assets, reduce tax pressures, and support your family's financial well-being, with time for questions in a relaxed setting. The Townsend Smith Foundation will also share an update on the residential hospice project. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. Join us Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm – Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Rd, Georgetown.

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.

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