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Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	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, September 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nikica Juricic	
TUESDAY, September 16	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Eugene & Suzanne Nankoo & Gloria Samjalski	
WEDNESDAY, September 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
THURSDAY, September 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Steve Posavec	
FRIDAY, September 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Luis Botelho † Immacolata Varricchio & Mariana Galati † Jean Falzon † Aurelio Viola	
SATURDAY, September 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Mark McIntyre	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Natalia Pereira; Jose DeMelo; Pat & Paula Canavan; Bob Smith; Carol Ann Bennett. Intentions of Mary Agnes McIntyre.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Pat & Paula Canavan.

From the Pastor's Desk

On this our parish feast day we celebrate the Cross of Christ, the instrument of our salvation. What was once a sign of suffering and death has become for us a sign of victory and eternal life. As we lift high the Cross, we are reminded of God's boundless love shown in the gift of His Son, who conquered sin and death through His sacrifice. May we always glory in the Cross and find in it strength, hope, and new life, confident that Christ's victory overcomes all!

Quote of the Week

"The heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God." — *St. Bonaventure*

Sunday Smile

"Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?" "No sun."

Thank you Bishop Lobsinger!

A thank you is in order to Bishop Wayne Lobsinger for joining us at our 5pm Mass this weekend to help celebrate our parish feast day and to install our seminarian, Joseph Mendonca, into the Ministry of Acolyte. It was wonderful to have him with us!

Today is Coffee Sunday

Please join us for Coffee Sunday after all Masses this weekend, September 13/14. We thank our youth Challenge & Conquest group for hosting this weekend.

Adult Faith Study - Thursdays at 7pm

We will begin our next adult faith study this September with a 20 session series entitled, *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This series will be held on **Thursday nights at 7:00pm**, from September 25th until November 20th, January 8th to February 26th, and April 16th to 30th. It will be a great opportunity to discover the heart and soul of our Catholic beliefs. Please sign-up on the list in the narthex, or by emailing Joseph at mendon.joseph@gmail.com. The workbook will be \$55, or you can purchase the workbook electronically from Ascension Press for \$7 USD, at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church#products>. You will also require a Catechism of the Catholic Church, hard copy or digital. It is ideal to have an edition published in 2019, but not necessary.

Jubilee Churches Pilgrimage

We are organizing two pilgrimages to Jubilee Churches in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Schedule:** 9:00am – Mass at Holy Cross, 9:45am – Depart from Holy Cross to Pilgrimage Parish, 10:30am (approx.) – Arrive at Pilgrimage Parish, 11:30am (approx.) – Depart from Pilgrimage Parish back to Holy Cross. **Dates and Pilgrimage Parish:** **September 20th** – St. Andrew Parish, Oakville; **October 18th** – St. Mary Parish, Kitchener.

We will travel to these Pilgrimage Parishes by car/carpooling. Please sign-up on the list in the narthex, or by emailing Joseph at mendon.joseph@gmail.com More info is in the narthex.

CWL News

The September CWL General Council Meeting will be held in Cote Hall after the 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, September 16th. We will be discussing a variety of activities and topics planned for the next few months. Ladies in the parish who might be interested in joining the CWL are most welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about the League.

Challenge Girls & Conquest Boys Clubs

Challenge & Conquest girls & boys clubs offer Catholic Youth Ministry programming for kids in grade 1-12. Kids and youth are given opportunities to discover and love their Catholic faith, live Christian virtues, and make a positive impact in the world around them. The programs are designed to foster friendships, instill virtue, develop character, encourage spiritual growth through sports and dynamic activities offered at weekly meetings, and through apostolic service projects. Parent and youth involvement builds family and community bonds and provides leadership, mentorship, and service opportunities for youth. We offer weekly meetings on Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm (September 19th, 2025- May 29th, 2026), at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Elementary School (a few meetings at Holy Cross Parish Hall). Throughout the year there will be additional club events/excursions, retreats and community experiences offered to members. We will be holding an **information night for families on Friday September 19th, 2025 from 7pm-8 pm at St. Catherine of Alexandria School in Georgetown**. If you require more information, please contact Michelle or Paul at conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com Registrations will begin during Coffee Sunday the weekend of September 13/14th, 2025, or completed forms can be brought to the first meeting. We look forward to seeing returning families and meeting new members.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month

FASD is a lifelong disability that affects the brain and body of people who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. Each person with FASD has both strengths and challenges and will need special supports to help them succeed with many different parts of their daily lives. Strengths include being friendly, likeable, affectionate, determined, hard-working, forgiving, non-judgemental, and caring. According to CanFASD, 90% of individuals with FASD also experience mental health issues. Individuals with FASD achieve positive outcomes if their needs and challenges are addressed early on in life and they have access to supports that carry into adulthood. There

is no known safe amount of alcohol to drink during pregnancy. Experts recommend that the safest option is no alcohol at all. According to CanFASD, up to 60% of pregnancies are unplanned and many people do not know they are pregnant until several weeks along. For more information, visit www.canfasd.ca

Good Shepherd Atrium Registration

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. Weekly 2 hour sessions run from October to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in October 2025. Level 1 - Tuesday 4:00-6:00pm; Level 2/3 - Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Bishop Crosby’s 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this Fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Father Will at the Parish Office. The process involves a weekly commitment to one hour sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian Churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

Save the Date: GFORCe3’s Fundraising Concert

To support our final Afghan family, a concert will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown. Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful performances by talented musicians, soloists, and choirs. More information on tickets will be available soon.

GFORCe3 Choir Practice

The GFORCe3 Concert practice will be held in the St. Cecilia Music Room on Mondays starting September 15th at 7:00pm.

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