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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

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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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 21 Ordinary 25	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 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Jacqueline Christie	
TUESDAY, September 23	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) The Medeiros Family	
WEDNESDAY, September 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joseph & Kristina Baczynski	
THURSDAY, September 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Diane Tenaglia	
FRIDAY, September 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Dieter Kraft † Katica Babic † Dawn Hood-Gloumeau (I) Fr. Jonas	
SATURDAY, September 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Gilda Brown	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Eugenio Albano Jr, Manuel Luis Pacheco & Maria de Trindade Paulos; Jose Tavares & Conceicao & Francisco Cabral; George & Conceicao Gonsalves & George Freitas; Mieczyslaw Habas & Stanislaw Rozanski; Carmela Parrella-Ilaria; Manny DeSousa; Marie & Gerald Haire. In thanksgiving.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rod Cushing.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward, reminding us that we cannot serve both God and wealth. The steward is praised not for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and foresight. He knew how to act decisively in order to secure his future. Jesus challenges us to bring that same determination and urgency into our spiritual lives. Too often we are quick to work for worldly success but slow to seek the Kingdom of God. True wealth is not measured in possessions, but in our faithfulness, generosity, and love of God. Let us choose wisely whom we will serve, for only God offers a treasure that endures forever.

Quote of the Week

"The Lord manifests himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart." — *St. Anthony of Padua*

Sunday Smile

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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.

GFORCe3's Fundraising Concert

To support our refugee family, come and enjoy an evening of song artistically directed by Gerri Schaljo & Kim Duke, presented by Georgetown Church choirs, including our Holy Cross GFORCe Choir, and featured guests at Holy Cross Church on Friday, October 17th, 2025, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets will be available after all Masses on Sept. 20/21, Sept. 27/28, Oct. 4/5 & Oct. 11/12. Admission: Adult - \$20; Children - \$10; Family - \$40. Evening includes a 50/50 draw and a chance to double your donation.

Holy Cross Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus of the parish will be running a Thanksgiving food drive to support the Georgetown Breadbasket. Food bank bags and the shopping lists of needed items will be distributed on **September 26/27**. The food will be delivered to the food bank on the following **Sunday, October 5th**. Money donations will also be graciously accepted (cheques made payable to the Georgetown Breadbasket). Be generous if you can to help those in need in our community.

Holy Cross Young Adults - Public Rosary Rally

The Holy Cross Young Adults (HCYA) invite you to join us in praying the rosary on Saturday, October 11 at noon, to pray for Mary's intervention for the conversion of Canada. We will gather at the front of Holy Cross at the intersection of Argyll and Mountainview. This will be a Public Rosary Rally, where we will be praying in public for all to see. We will be one of over a thousand groups praying together on this day organized through the campaign Canada Needs Our Lady. If you are interested please contact hcyacommunity@gmail.com

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

Registration is open, and completed forms can be brought to the first meeting. We look forward to seeing returning families and meeting new members.

Youth Pilgrimage Bake Sale!

Support our parish youth on their journey to Rome this Summer! They will be holding a Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 4th/5th (just before Thanksgiving) with delicious goodies, including special treats for the Feast of St. Francis. We will also be raffling off a cake baked by Fr. Dave. Please bring cash and consider donating baked goods to help make this fundraiser a success. If you are able to help with this fundraiser contact Michelle or Paul at conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September is Arthritis Awareness Month

Arthritis is a collection of conditions that affect joints and other tissues. Symptoms can range from mild to severe. Most people living with arthritis experience chronic pain, fatigue, restricted mobility, lowered mood and other symptoms that can combine to erode their quality of life. According to Arthritis Society Canada, 1 in 5 Canadians live with the pain of arthritis. Half of those affected are under the age of 65. Children can develop arthritis too! People with arthritis are more likely to experience anxiety, mood disorders, poor mental health, and difficulty sleeping, compared to those without arthritis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes 5 strategies to help manage arthritis and its symptoms: 1. Learn self-management skills; 2. Be physically active; 3. Talk to your doctor; 4. Manage your weight; 5. Protect your joints. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/arthritis, www.arthritis.ca, or talk to your doctor.

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.

Jubilee Multicultural Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

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