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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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 7 Ordinary 23	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 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Gerhard de Dierks & Jorge Barsallo	
TUESDAY, September 9	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Leslie Rutherford	
WEDNESDAY, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Fuller Williams	
THURSDAY, September 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Harry Ellis	
FRIDAY, September 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marica Bukovcan † Elizabeth McCurry † Joanne Daquano † Holy Souls (I) Liz Khosla (I) Lucila Oanes	
SATURDAY, September 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Danielle Ettiene	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Kevin & Delia Soares; Anton Skok; Amelia & Eugenio Tavares; Manuel De Sousa; Joe Carvalho; John & Ivanka Bancic; Rosa Vallecoccia; Katica Malic.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Margaret Rizzo.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him requires true commitment. He asks us to put Him above all else, even our own plans and attachments. Like someone building a tower or preparing for battle, we are called to "count the cost" of discipleship. To be His follower means carrying our cross each day and trusting that in giving ourselves fully to Him, we will find the fullness of life.

Quote of the Week

"All that should be sought for in the exercise of prayer is conformity of our will and the divine will, in which consists the highest perfection." — St. Teresa of Jesus

Sunday Smile

I told my plants I love them. Now they are rooting for me.

Sunday 12:00pm Mass & Monday 9:00am Mass

The 12:00pm Sunday Mass will return to our schedule once more this Sunday, Sep. 7th. The 9:00am Monday Mass will return to our schedule as well beginning Monday, Sep. 8th.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, Sep. 14th we celebrate our parish feast day, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross! To celebrate, we will be

hosting our first 'Coffee Sunday' of the year. As well, we welcome His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger who will celebrate the Saturday 5pm Mass. Happy Feast Day Holy Cross Parish!

Institution of the Ministry of Acolyte – Sep 13th at 5pm

Saturday, Sep 13th at the 5pm Mass we are happy to welcome Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Bishop Lobsinger will join us for our parish feast day to celebrate Mass and to install our seminarian, Joseph Mendonca, into the Ministry of Acolyte (see explanation below). Everyone is welcome! Join us to celebrate with Joseph and to say hi to Bishop Lobsinger!

What is the Ministry of Acolyte?

In the Catholic Church, the Ministry of Acolyte is a lay ministry formally instituted by the Church. It is one of the two ministries (along with the ministry of lector) that candidates for priesthood traditionally receive on their way to priestly ordination. In short, the acolyte's ministry is one of service at the altar and to the Eucharist, assisting at Mass, and serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist when needed. The role blends liturgical service with spiritual formation, reinforcing the Church's reverence for the Eucharist.

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, hardcopy 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.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, September 9th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

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 8th at 7:00pm.

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.

Religious Instruction for Public School

Parents of children enrolled in **Public** or **Private** schools are invited to enroll them in our parish's religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child's reception of the sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office.

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Living Organ Donation Week is September 7 - 13

According to the Centre for Living Organ Donation, living kidney and liver donation are life-giving option that offers a shorter pathway to better health for those awaiting a liver or kidney transplant. Many patients currently on the waitlist for a deceased donor kidney or liver have a long and difficult road ahead. Their living kidney and living liver donor programs care for people who would like to donate a kidney or a piece of their liver to a person with end-stage kidney or liver disease. Did you know, that not only does the Catholic Church accept the transplanting of human organs, it recognizes the donation of organs and blood to those in need as acts of charity and therefore commendable. Needless to say, such donations must not in the slightest way cause the death of the donor. For more information, visit www.catholic.com and www.uhn.ca/Transplant/Living_Donor_Program

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