

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

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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 Marleen Cushing, President (647) 223-2461

Knights of Columbus Joe Crane, Grand Knight 647-232-6630 jwcrane@hotmail.ca Prayer Network Katie 416-433-4324

Christ the King Secondary 905-702-8838

Holy Cross School 905-877-4451

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Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, August 25 Ordinary 21	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	12:00 p.m. Mass resumes Sunday, September 8th
MONDAY, August 26		No Mass	9:00 a.m. Mass resumes Monday, September 9th
TUESDAY, August 27	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Tullio Sgambelluri	
WEDNESDAY August 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ∜ Immacolata & Maria Brancatella	
THURSDAY, August 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, August 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marco & Barbara Babic † Kata Babic † Deceased Members of the Ennett & Lynas Families † Robert Brown & Aura de Dierks	
SATURDAY, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Marie & Gerald Haire	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Riv Galway; Robert O'Gorman; Roma de los Santos Lui; Mike Conlon; Rosalia & Salvatore Di Bartolo; Gaetano Petosa.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Vaughn Bernard & Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

Our gospel today continues the reading of John chapter 6 which we have been following for the last several weeks known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse'. Jesus repeatedly refers to himself as the 'Bread of Life', which we must eat to have eternal life. This is a difficult teaching for the people, and the gospel ends with people walking away from Jesus because of it. When Jesus turns to Simon Peter however and asks, "Do you also wish to go away?", Peter confidently responds, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the holy one of God." Each time we receive the Bread of Life in Holy Communion, this should be our response to the Lord as well, believing that He is truly present in the Eucharist: "To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life!"

Quote of the Week

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness." — St. Charles Borromeo

Sunday Smile

Why did the art thief's van run out of gas as he drove away from the museum? Because he had no Monet to buy Degas

to make the Van Gogh.

Mission Appeal this Weekend - Aug. 24-25

This weekend we welcome Fr. Brian Quigley, MCCJ, who will be preaching our annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries. The Comboni Missionaries are involved in ministry in 41 countries around the world, and Fr. Brian will speak to us about their good works in spreading the gospel and helping the poor. For more information you can visit their website at: www.combonimissionaries.org

Regular Mass Schedule Returns September 8th

As we get back into the regular swing of things, our regular Mass schedule returns on Sunday, September 8th with the addition of the 12:00pm Mass on Sundays, and the 9:00am Mass on Mondays going forward.

Young Adults Group at Holy Cross

If you are a 17-30 year old young adult looking for a group of people to hang out with, share your faith, and to grow your relationship with the Lord, send us an email with your name and phone number so we can start to plan some meetings and outings together! Our email address is: Holy Cross Young Adult Community: hcyacommunity@gmail.com

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 'Liverpool 4' Fundraiser!

Please support St. Vincent de Paul's efforts to help people who are homeless in Hamilton! Join us for an all-ages "Liverpool 4" (Beatles cover band) concert taking place at the Waterdown Legion (79 Hamilton St. N) in Waterdown on Sat, September 7th at 7:30. Tickets are \$35. Please contact Juliet at 416-575-3532 or ssydpwaterdown@gmail.com

Fall Fair Volunteers Needed!

The Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to help with managing the entrances at the fall fair September 6, 7 and 8. An excellent opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Proceeds go to local charities. Contact Joe Crane at 647-232-6630 or email jwcrane@hotmail.ca

Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S.

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend, August 24/25 to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Overdose Awareness

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day, which is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the grief of family and friends left behind. The theme for 2024 is "Together we can", highlighting the power of our community when we all stand together. It's possible to overdose on all types of drugs, including methamphetamine, alcohol and prescription medication including benzodiazepines, anti-psychotics, anti-convulsant and opioid medication. Opioid overdoses are particularly dangerous because they slow down a person's breathing and they may seem to be sleeping. Naloxone temporarily reverses the effects of opioid overdose, allowing the person to breathe again while help is on its way. It is a remarkable medicine, easy to use with very few side effects and no capacity for misuse. Learn the signs of overdose and addiction by visiting www.overdoseday.com or talk to your doctor.

Have You Moved Recently?

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.

Save the Date - Christmas Market

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's Parish, Milton are hosting their 2nd Annual Christmas Market on Saturday Nov 16th (12:00pm to 6:30pm) and Sunday Nov 17th (10:00am to 3:00pm) and are inviting all parishioners to this wonderful event. We have a wide range of vendors this year; be sure to stop by so you can stock up on great gifts for your family and friends! Don't forget to save this date in your calendar. For more details, please email cwlmilton@gmail.com

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children

We are accepting donations for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse at 905-274-9239 or www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Halton Alive 50th Anniversary Gala

Ticket sales have launched! Join us on Friday, October 18 for an inspiring, delightful evening of delicious food, community, and celebration as we raise funds for pro-life ministry and honour the people who helped form Halton Alive over the last 50 years to what it is today. We encourage you to invite friends who may not know about all the good work happening through Halton Alive. Tickets: \$125 Early bird special! Save \$25/ticket until Sept 13. Special VIP pre-event feature this year. Full details and tickets online at www.haltonalive.ca/gala or call 905-632-3232.

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The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team wants you to know they have a Health Navigation line that provides:

- Easy Access to Health and Social Services: Community members can now call this single number to get information and assistance in navigating the diverse health and social services within Halton.
- **Streamlined Care Coordination:** The navigation line serves as a central point for coordinating care, making it simpler for patients to get the support they need.
- **Availability:** The line is operational, ensuring that assistance is always just a phone call away.
- **Collaborative Effort:** This initiative is a testament to their collaborative spirit, bringing together various resources and expertise within our community.

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