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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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, May 5 <i>Easter 6</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, May 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco	
TUESDAY, May 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Joe Penney	
WEDNESDAY, May 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, May 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jesulita Cruz Roy	
FRIDAY, May 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ann Marie Lynas † Steve Posavec † Carolyn Jedlinski † Donato & Maria Viola	
SATURDAY, May 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Zenaida Renon	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Ascension of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Borges; Nellie Stoyles; Kim Faria; Joe Esteireiro; Cleoffe Funtanilla; Anthea Mendonca; Marianna Rinaldi.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in honour of Padre Pio.

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's readings, we hear the word 'love' used over and over again. But to reflect on love we have to define it, and I'll give you a working definition of love, which is this: ***Love is to desire the good of the other, and to do so for their sake and their sake alone.*** There are no strings attached. There are no conditions. To love is simply to *desire the good of the other for their sake*, and to expect nothing in return. And that is the definition of how God loves us. He didn't have to create us. He doesn't have to sustain us. He didn't have to give us free will. And he certainly didn't have to send his only-begotten Son into the world to sacrifice himself for us. But he did. Entirely out of *love* – only and entirely because he *desires the good of all of us*. Our response? To imitate he who is love itself, and to pray for the grace to love as he has loved us.

Quote of the Week

"All for God and for God's glory. In whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal." — *St. John Bosco*

Sunday Smile

What are you going to do on the weekend? "I'm going to buy glasses." "And then what?" "Then I'll see."

Healing Retreat with Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C. - May 10-12

A retreat on inner healing led by Fr. Adam Zettel, L.C., and a team of collaborators will take place at St. Benedict's Parish in Milton from May 10-12. The retreat theme is based on the teaching of Dr. Bob Schuchts, author of "Be Healed". This retreat seeks to help you uncover the lies that are rooted in past wounds and renounce them in the name of Jesus. From there, you will be free to find your identity as a son or daughter of God in the truth that he speaks to you in your place of brokenness. In a gentle approach that respects the time you may need, this healing retreat helps to open up the most difficult parts of your personal history to Jesus, in the context of his loving care for you, so that you can be restored by his love.

The retreat on inner healing will include, Mass, Talks, Testimonials, Personal prayer time, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch, dinner, and refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Light snacks on Friday and Sunday. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Please register at: www.regnumchristionario.org/event-details/healing-retreat-2

Sports & Virtue Day Camp 2024

Sports & Virtue Day Camp is back - for children entering **Grades 4-7** this fall. The camp will run from **Mon. July 8 – Fri. July 12 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Christ the King High School. Please visit www.regnumchristiontario.org/ecyd to register for this camp.

VBS – Vacation Bible School

Children entering **Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall are welcome to register for this camp after Mass or contact the parish office. **Mon. Aug. 19 – Fri. Aug. 23 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish.

Mothers Day Food Drive

The CWL and the Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive the weekend of May 11/12 for the Georgetown Bread Basket. They have asked for our assistance as the need is great. Their clientele has doubled in the last year. The CWL will be present after each Mass that weekend to accept cash, or cheque donations also. Bags, with a list of items most needed, will be provided. These bags can be returned to the Narthex of the church for delivery to the food bank by the Knights.

5pm Mass Ushers Needed

The 5pm Saturday afternoon Mass is seeking volunteers to Usher at that Mass. Your attendance on a regular basis is preferred. Students in High School are welcome. Please contact Joe Mlodozenec @ 905-873-7772 if you are interested and training will be given.

Catholic Education Week: We Are Called to Love

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education theme is, "*We are called to love,*" and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "*If we love one another, God lives in us.*" (1 John 4:12) With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" With open hearts of love, we can continue to "*fan the flame of hope*" for a bright future.

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.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

A Call to be Kind – Mental Health Week May 6-12

We all have the capacity to be compassionate, and we know that doing so can make an enormous difference. Compassion is the practice of meeting suffering – whether our own or the suffering of others – with kindness. The Canadian Mental Health Association's (CMHA) theme for this year's Mental Health Week is centered on the healing power of compassion. In a world plagued by suffering, we emphasize that kindness is equally intrinsic to our humanity. Explore how compassion connects us all on the CMHA website www.cmha.ca and resources at www.cmha.ca/mental-health-week/toolkits

350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

This year marks the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To make this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from July 13th - July 17th, 2024.

The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the Holy Door, visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivieres, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 20th.

For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Tel. 905-528-7988, x 2339 or email catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

Sanctuary Lamp

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