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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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905-702-8001

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 29 Ordinary 26	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, September 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Felicia de Castro & Felipe Castro	
TUESDAY, October 1	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Greta Spalding Martin	
WEDNESDAY October 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving	
THURSDAY, October 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Domenico Sisi	
FRIDAY, October 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kata Babic † Ivan Page † Miryam Pareja (I) Zenaida Van Klink	
SATURDAY, October 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Holy Souls	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Branco; Bartolomeo Vallecoccia, Felicia & Giacinta Dimagio; Anna Tartaglia; Sylvia Murphy; Kim Faria; Riv Galway; Argentino Di Nunzio. Intentions of Pat Warman.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Roderick Cushing.

From the Pastor's Desk

This week's gospel should make us 'squirm' a bit. A lot of talk about millstones and cutting things off to avoid sin. It should leave us a little bit *uneasy* - it certainly leaves me uneasy - because although Jesus is using hyperbole, using exaggeration to make a point, he is still nonetheless *making a point* - he's making the point that *sin matters*. It matters because our Lord knows it hurts *us*. Our challenge for the week then is to make a good examination of conscience and seek forgiveness from our Lord. We can always ask for God's mercy, and even better, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available for this very purpose!

Quote of the Week

"A heart enamoured of God is unconquerable, since God is its strength." — *St. Catherine of Genoa*

Sunday Smile

I have a pet tree. It's a lot like having a pet dog but the bark is much quieter.

Life Chain Returns to Georgetown - Sun, Oct 6, 2024 at 2pm

LIFE CHAIN 2024 will take place in Georgetown once again this year on Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00pm. Life Chain is an

international hour of prayer for our nation and a peaceful, prayerful public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of abortion. Join the Chain on Sunday, October 6th at 2pm on Guelph Street between Sinclair and Armstrong in Georgetown.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The CWL and Knights of Columbus of the parish will be running a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank. Bags and a shopping list of needed items will be distributed over the next couple of weekends, and the food will be delivered to the foodbank following the Masses on October 6. Monetary donations will also be graciously accepted (*cheques made out to the Georgetown Breadbasket*). Be generous if you can to help those in need in our community!

Forward Together in Christ

For the last couple of years, the Diocese of Hamilton has been discerning its challenges and planning for the road ahead, to move 'Forward Together in Christ'. We were given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire back in 2022, and listening sessions were organized throughout the Diocese to delve deeper into the results. This process has culminated in

the new document, 'Forward Together in Christ' which is available for viewing online at: www.hamiltondiocese.com/forward-together-in-christ We also have some hardcopies of the document available in the narthex if you wish to read the report!

Pet Blessings

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct 4th) it is traditional to offer blessing of pets in honour of St. Francis' love of nature. We will be offering the Blessing of Pets on Sat, Oct 5th at 1:00pm outside the main doors of the church. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, fish (or whatever!) For this special pet blessing next Saturday!

Fall Ministry Fair and Coffee Sunday - September 28 & 29

Join us today for our Fall Ministry Fair and Coffee Sunday after all Masses in Cote Hall. Take some time in fellowship and at the same time see what our Parish has to offer. Consider how you can share your time, talent, and treasure with your Holy Cross Parish Community and sign up at one of our Ministry tables. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Grief Relief - Thursday, October 10 to November 21

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? **Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone!** We will be offering a Grief Relief Program on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., October 10 – November 21.** Please contact the parish office at (905) 873-1887 for more information.

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

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 (1.5 to 2 hours) sessions run from October to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in September/October 2024. 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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

National Seniors' Day is October 1

In the tapestry of life, our senior citizens are the threads that weave wisdom, experience, and love into the fabric of our existence. Alongside them stand the caregivers, the unsung heroes who provide unwavering care and companionship. Older adults across Canada - whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbour or a friend - make contributions that improve and maintain the health and wellness of our families, communities and society. There are many ways to thank seniors for their contributions and to show them just how much they are appreciated. Here are just a few: say "thank you"; visit, call, or connect via video-messaging, and take some time to say "hi"; run errands for a senior; help with some outdoor chores; or take a walk together ... enjoy!! For more information, visit www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-seniors-day and www.linkedin.com/pulse/gratitude-appreciation-activities-celebrate-national-marshall-jones

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

9:00am Choir

The 9:00am Choir is seeking new members willing to undertake multi-part singing. Practice on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. You are invited to *make a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100)*. Please respond to Fergus Egan at egan.f@bell.net

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