

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

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Saint Francis School

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 8 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 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Bohemia R. Lozano	
TUESDAY, September 10	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Sue Forster	
WEDNESDAY September 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, September 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ricardo & Maria do Carmo Medeiros	
FRIDAY, September 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marcelo Sabino (I) Terry & Mark Wittmann † In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus † Souls in Purgatory	
SATURDAY, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Personal Family Intentions	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Kevin & Delia Soares; Maureen Lahue; Rod Cushing; Amelia & Eugenio Tavares; Joan Naples.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of R. Staynor.

From the Pastor's Desk

We hear the story today of Jesus healing the man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech. It says that Jesus 'took the man aside in private, away from the crowds' to heal him. The healing of this man wasn't for public show, but rather to have a personal encounter - the man with Jesus, and Jesus with the man. In order to encounter our Lord - to hear his voice in prayer, we must allow for the conditions in which we can listen. Let's strive to give Jesus time each day, "away from the crowds' of a noisy world, so that we can have a deep and abiding encounter with Christ.

Quote of the Week

"A heart enamoured of God is unconquerable, since God is its strength." — St. Augustine

Sunday Smile

My husband had terrible headaches whenever I cooked with wheat, barley or rice. He was really suffering from my grains.

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.

Life Chain Returns to Georgetown - Sunday, October 6, 2024

LIFE CHAIN 2024 will take place in Georgetown once again this year on Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00pm. Stay tuned for location information! 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. More information will follow in the coming weeks...

Exaltation of the Cross - Saturday, September 14th

This coming Saturday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross! Join us for the 9am Mass on Saturday as we celebrate our parish feast day!

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

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, September 10^{th} from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights - Our first meeting of the fall will be on Tuesday, September 24 after the 7:00pm Mass. We will be having burgers and will need a number for the Knights attending. Contact Joe at 647-222-6630 jwcrane@hotmail.ca or Jim Pickett at 289-839-0444 or jfpickett095@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.

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 <u>Public</u> or <u>Private</u> 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 Carlos 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.

Children's Liturgy Is Back!

We are happy to announce that Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday, September 8th at our 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. All young children are welcome! We will send them off at the beginning of Mass, and they will return to be with their families at the Offertory. If you are interested in volunteering as a Children's Liturgy leader, please contact the parish office to start the Volunteer Screening process.

Challenge Girls & Conquest Boys Clubs

Challenge and Conquest clubs offer Catholic Youth Ministry programing for kids in grade 1-12. Kids are given opportunities to discover and love their Catholic faith, live Christian virtues, and make a positive impact in the world around them. They are programs designed to 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. The Halton Hills chapters will offer: Weekly meetings Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm (September 20th, 2024 to June 13 th, 2025) Location: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Elementary School. 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 13 th, 2024 from 7pm-8 pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Georgetown. If you require more information, please contact Michelle or Paul at conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com. Registration form is available at: https://www.regnumchristiontario.org/ecyd

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month - FASD is a lifelong disability that affects the brain and body of people who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. Each person with FASD has both strengths and challenges and will need special supports to help them succeed with many different parts of their daily lives. Strengths include being friendly, likeable, affectionate, determined, hard-working, forgiving, non-judgemental, and caring. According to CanFASD, 90% of individuals with FASD also experience mental health issues. Individuals with FASD achieve positive outcomes if their needs and challenges are addressed early on in life and they have access to supports that carry into adulthood. There is no known safe amount of alcohol to drink during pregnancy. Experts recommend that the safest option is no alcohol at all. According to CanFASD, up to 60% of pregnancies are unplanned and many people do not know they are pregnant until several weeks along. For more information, visit www.canfasd.ca

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