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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

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
(647) 223-2461

Prayer Network
Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School
905-877-6928

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Joe Crane, Grand Knight
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Christ the King Secondary
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905-877-1779

Holy Cross School
905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 1 Advent 1	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, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nunzio Varricchio	
TUESDAY, December 3	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Mona May Hohendorf	
WEDNESDAY December 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Antonio Borges & deceased family members	
THURSDAY, December 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Aurelio Viola	
FRIDAY, December 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco † Kata Babic † Adolfo Jimenez † Consuelo L. Bumanlag	
SATURDAY, December 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Walter & Evangelina Vasconsellos, Theresa Dias & Margarida Oliveira	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick & Bill Stoyles; Eliza Ciantani, Vincenzo & Nazareno Testa & Francesco Vallecoccia; Maria de Sousa; Amavel Baptista; Slavko Romic; Peter Glynn; Cecilia & Francis Zuzart.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Ivan Krkuc.

From the Pastor's Desk

We begin Advent this Sunday and begin to hear the hopeful prophecies of the coming of a Messiah in our first readings. The prophet Jeremiah this week tells us *"I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land."* As we anticipate the birth of Christ at Christmas, let us spend this Advent in hopeful waiting, taking great comfort in the hopeful prophecies we hear about the coming of the Prince of Peace. The more time we spend in anticipation and preparation, the more fully we can celebrate his nativity at Christmas!

Quote of the Week

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us." — *St. John Paul II*

Sunday Smile

Did you hear about the guy that lost his entire left side? Don't worry - he's alright now.

John B. Miller and Friends - Advent Concert

Once again this year we welcome *John B. Miller and Friends* to the parish for an evening of Advent and Christmas Music. Join us on **Fri, Dec. 13 at 7:00pm** for this always enjoyable concert event! This is a no cost event, but a suggested free-will donation of \$20 to support the musicians would be appreciated. All are welcome!

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Sat, Dec 14 9:30am - 4:30pm

Our Advent Day of Reconciliation this year will be on Sat, Dec 14th from 9:30am-4:30pm. Priests will be available all day during that window of time to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Be sure to come out and experience God's loving gift of mercy and forgiveness this Advent!

Sunrise Mass - Mon, Dec 9 at 7:30am

To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception we will once again celebrate a Mass by candlelight on Mon, Dec 9th at 7:30am. As the sun rises and floods the church with natural light, we symbolically prepare our hearts to honour the Light of the World who is soon to come into the world, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady and her 'yes'. **Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass this day.**

KofC and CWL Christmas Social

The Knights of Columbus and the Holy Cross Catholic Women's League will be hosting their second annual Parish Christmas Social on the evening of Saturday December 7th. Tickets are \$35 and are available in the Narthex after weekend Masses or by contacting Joe Crane 647-232-6630 or Marleen Cushing 647-223-2461.

Toonie for Turkeys

The CWL and Knights of Columbus will be collecting "Toonies for Turkeys" on the weekends of December 13th and 20th, the proceeds will be donated to the Georgetown Food Basket to help with their Christmas needs.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2025 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2024 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Casting Call

For all Children (and Parent volunteers) who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant. This is performed at the 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass. Costumes are provided and there are no speaking parts. Join us for an Information Meeting on Sun, December 1st immediately following 9:00am and 10:30 am Mass in Cote Hall. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Debbie Baker at 416-936-9517 or dbaker@openaire.com

Inter-parish Young Adult Gathering

Adoration With Taize-style Prayer - Saturday, December 7 from 6:30-9:30pm. An hour of Adoration accompanied by the simple, meditative-style music and prayer originating from the Taize Community in France. Simple sung refrains, prayerful silence, and short scripture readings will guide this evening of prayer in the Advent season. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Refreshments and social to follow at 7:30pm. All young adults (18-29) welcome - students, young professionals, parish groups, and young families. Holy Rosary, 287 Plains Road, Burlington. For more info or to RSVP contact Cristian clecanda@hamiltondiocese.com or <https://bit.ly/m/SetTheWorldOnFire>

Register Your Child for Kindergarten at HCDSB!

Kindergarten registration at the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

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 as we plan meetings and outings together! Our email address is: Holy Cross Young Adult Community: hcyacommunity@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Ontario Breast Screening Program Expansion

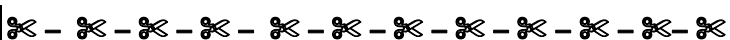
In October 2024, the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) lowered the starting age for screening from age 50 to age 40. The OBSP encourages people ages 40 to 49 to make an informed decision about whether to get screened for breast cancer by talking with their doctor, nurse practitioner, or a Health 811 navigator. The OBSP has also developed a set of resources to help people ages 40 to 49 make an informed screening decision:

Breast Cancer Screening for People Ages 40 to 49: www.cancercareontario.ca/en/types-of-cancer/breast-cancer/screening/ages-40-49-what-you-need-to-know

My CancerIQ: www.mycancerIQ.ca/Cancers/Breast

Breast Screening Wait Times and Location Tool: www.ontariohealth.ca/public-reporting/wait-times

Health 811 phone service: call 811 for free 24 hours a day. Contact Ontario Health toll-free at 866-662-9233 or email cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca. Early interventions saves lives!



Help with Access to Health Services Through 1 Phone Number

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

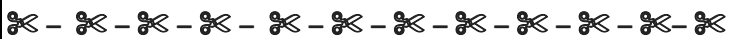
- **Easy Access to Health and Social Services:** Community members can now call this single number to get information and assistance in navigating the diverse health and social services within Halton.

- **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.

Call **1-844-806-3093** (Monday to Friday 8:00am-8:00pm).



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