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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 15 Advent 3	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 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Gilda Brown	
TUESDAY, December 17	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Maureen Lahue	
WEDNESDAY December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Polera	
THURSDAY, December 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
FRIDAY, December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Maria Bukovcan † Frances Scott (I) Mary Kelly	
SATURDAY, December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joseph d'Souza	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Maria & Frank Vieira; Kim Faria; Sylvia Murphy; Hannah & William Standly; Lillian & Frank Franklin; Joseph & Helen Bilik.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Patrick McCarthy.

From the Pastor's Desk

"So, *what should we do?*" That's the question asked multiple times of John the Baptist in today's gospel by different groups of people. His answer is ultimately to *show*, and allow ourselves to *be shown*, mercy. As we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath this Sunday we are reminded of the joy that comes with the birth of Jesus at Christmas. His coming into the world is joyful because we realize the extent of God's love and mercy for us – the love and mercy that we are called to reflect in our own lives.

Quote of the Week

"God asks little, but gives much." — *St. John Chrysostom*

Sunday Smile

I just read a book entitled "How to Survive Falling Down a Staircase." It's a step-by-step guide published last fall.

Christmas Mass times

Christmas is coming quickly! For those planing ahead, here are the Mass times this year:

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm; 7:30pm; 9:00pm; 12 midnight

Christmas Day: 9:00am; 10:30am (*NO 12pm Mass*)

Also, please note that we will have the Children's Christmas Pageant at the 9:00am Mass on Christmas Day.

Added Reconciliation Times Before Christmas

Fri, Dec 20th - 8:00am - 8:45am

Sat, Dec 21st - 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Note: Tue, Dec 24th - NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

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.

Christmas Pageant 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

Dress Rehearsals & Costume Assignments: **Sunday, December 15th at 1:15pm and Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm** in Cote Hall. Please attend at least one rehearsal. All Children are welcome. For more information contact Debbie Baker at dbaker@openaire.com or 416-936-9517

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.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025

Boxed sets of 2025 envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2025 are available in the Narthex - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

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

Impaired Driving Awareness

With celebrations associated with Christmas and New Year's, the holidays also bring a higher risk for impaired driving. The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of educating Canadians about the consequences of impaired driving due to alcohol, drugs, fatigue, or distraction which destroys the lives and health of thousands of Canadians. Impaired driving doesn't just apply to cars – it also applies to motorcycles, boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc. Vehicle accidents involving alcohol and/or drugs are a leading preventable cause of death. Even one drink of alcohol can reduce reaction time, cause blurred or double vision, impair reflexes, and alter one's attention span. For more information visit: www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/police/community-safety-policing/impaired-driving.html

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

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.

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.

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>

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

Rosary Repairs

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

Lay Carmelite Spirituality Group

"Carmel, is a source of wealth for the whole Christian Community" Pope St. John Paul II Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women who "live in the following of Jesus Christ according to the traditions and spirit of Carmel". They are called to a vocation of love, seeking God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Our next meeting is on **Saturday, December 21st at 9:30 am** in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Website: www.laycarmelites.org. For more information, contact: Noreen D'Souza: noreendsouza72@gmail.com

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