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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

Prayer Network
Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School
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Christ the King Secondary
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905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School
905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 8 Advent 2	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 9	<u>7:30 a.m.</u>	Daily Mass † Maria & Arturo Carreiro & Conceicao & Diniz Silva	
TUESDAY, December 10	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † John Murray Somers	
WEDNESDAY December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, December 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Corina Sibley	
FRIDAY, December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Nicola Varricchio † Ann Matelis † Gerara Benito (I) Teresa de Souza	
SATURDAY, December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Araujo	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Luis Botelho; Sarah & Vincent Passafiume; Peter Hrkac; Zlata & Dimitrije Capusevic; Rita Cufino; Margaret Shaw; Judith Misquitta; Leonard Fry.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Vilma Gasperi.

From the Pastor's Desk

In this Second week of Advent we hear about John the Baptist, 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord!' John the Baptist is the voice of Advent – he is the one pointing us to the coming of our Lord. Let's not waste these few weeks of preparation. Let's make 'the main thing the main thing', reminding ourselves to 'Keep Christ in Christmas' as we prepare our hearts to encounter Jesus at his birth!

Quote of the Week

"A joyful heart is like the sunshine of God's love, the hope of eternal happiness." — *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Sunday Smile

I bought a wooden car. It's got a wooden engine, wooden doors, wooden seats, wooden wheels, even a wooden key. Guess what? Wooden start.

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.**

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.

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.

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>

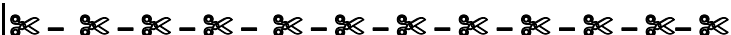
Young Adults Group at Holy Cross

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

Gender-based Violence and Human Rights Awareness

Everyone has the right to live free from violence. However, many people continue to experience violence every day because of their sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or perceived gender. This is referred to as **gender-based violence (GBV)**, and it is one of the most pervasive, deadly, and deeply rooted **human rights violations** of our time. GBV can take many forms, including physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and financial abuse, as well as technology-facilitated violence. It is crucial to involve everyone, particularly men and boys, in changing social norms, attitudes and behaviours that contribute to GBV. All of us need to recognize the signs of GBV and to reach out for support, for ourselves or loved ones. **Human Rights Day** is December 10 worldwide, commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is the most translated document in the world (577 languages). For more information, visit www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day, www.awhl.org, or www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality. The Assaulted Women's Helpline serves as a free, anonymous and confidential 24-hour telephone helpline; 1-866-863-0511.

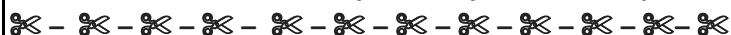


Help with Access to Health Services Through 1 Phone Number

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).



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

Catholic Moms Group

Moms of Holy Cross Parish are invited to our new Catholic Mom's Group on **Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings for a time of fellowship, formation, and fun. You can join anytime and participate according to your family's busy schedule. Just let us know if you want to be part of this group by emailing momsgroupHC@gmail.com or contacting the parish office. Hope to see you there!

Men's Prayer Group – Sat, Nov 16nd at 7:30am

The next meeting of the Men's Prayer Group at Holy Cross Parish will be at 7:30am on Sat, Nov 16 ending with Mass at 9:00am. It will be a time of prayer, faith formation and fraternity for men of the parish, 18 years of age or older. We will be using the Cor program developed by the Knights of Columbus (although please note that you don't need to be a Knight to participate!). All men are welcome, but if you plan to attend, please email Fr. Carlos at cdiaz@hamiltondiocese.com so we can plan to have enough refreshments for the morning!

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