



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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*Established as a Parish in the  
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## 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

## PARISH STAFF

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Mrs. Jennifer Cauchi, Pastoral Assistant

**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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## Catholic Women's League

Joan Ryder, President  
647-624-7313  
[joanryder@outlook.com](mailto:joanryder@outlook.com)

## Knights of Columbus

Joe Crane, Grand Knight  
647-232-6630  
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## Prayer Network

Katie 416-433-4324

## Christ the King Secondary

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## Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

## Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

## Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

## Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	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, February 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Anjali Tandon	
Tuesday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Marguerite Hulme	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday, February 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Art Harris	
THURSDAY, February 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Branco	
FRIDAY, February 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Cora Stubbert † Hermina Ponte † Barbara & Marko Babic (I) the Tetwejer Family	
SATURDAY, February 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) for the conversion of our Prodigal Children	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Frank & Maria Vieira; Jean Robinson; Art Harris; Harry Ellis; Helen Bilik; Noreen Miehm.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the living and deceased members of our families and friends.

### From the Pastor's Desk

The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, is a profound moment of encounter between God and His people. When Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple, they fulfill the law, demonstrating their deep faith and obedience. The humble setting becomes a place of divine revelation as Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Light for all nations. His prayer of gratitude expresses hope and peace. This feast challenges us to reflect on our readiness to recognize Christ's presence in the ordinary moments of life. Just as Simeon and Anna waited with patient faith, we are called to be attentive and open to God's movements in our lives. The blessing of candles during this celebration also reminds us of our mission to be bearers of light, sharing Christ's hope and love with a world that often walks in darkness. May the Presentation of the Lord inspire us to live with faith, joy, and the courage to be light for others.

### Quote of the Week

"God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray." — *St. Louis de Montford*

### Sunday Smile

I quit my career as an elevator repair man. The job was just too up and down.

### Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats

Mon, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Blaise. It is customary to bless throats on this day through the intercession of St. Blaise, known to be the patron saint of those suffering ailments of the throat. We will be blessing throats following the 9am Mass on Monday!

### Pilgrimage to France in October 2025

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the shrines of France from October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fr. Carlos Diaz will be the spiritual director for the pilgrimage highlighting Lourdes, Ars, Chartres, St. Michel, Lisieux, and Paris. The pilgrimage is still in the planning stages. The final cost of the trip will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. There will be an information night in the coming weeks. For more information you can contact Liz Dachuk at [Connaissance Travel and Tours: lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com](mailto:lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com) or 416-291-2676, ext. 239

### Grief Support - When Life Changes

Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of a loved one? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone! Join us for Session 1 of "**When Life Changes**" the first part of a new video series by Dr. Bill

Webster, CEO of Centre for Grief Journey, and renowned grief counsellor. Here you will find friendship and support in your time of bereavement. This program will be offered in two sessions, Part 1 this winter and Part 2 in the fall, over 6 evenings each. The winter session runs on **Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, beginning Feb. 20**. Room TBA. Please contact Jennifer through the parish office at 905-873-1887.

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

##### **Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Awareness**

According to the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, AMD is one of the most common causes of poor vision after age 60. It accounts for 90% of new cases of legal blindness. The macula is a small area at the centre of the retina in the back of the eye that allows us to see fine details clearly and perform activities such as reading and driving. AMD happens when the “seeing cells” in the macula break down or deteriorate. The visual symptoms of AMD involve loss of central vision. While peripheral (side) vision is unaffected, with AMD, one loses the sharp, straight-ahead vision necessary for driving, reading, recognizing faces, and looking at detail. Early AMD changes can be detected at home using an Amsler grid [www.seethepossibilities.ca/innovation/vision-test/amd](http://www.seethepossibilities.ca/innovation/vision-test/amd). If the lines of the grid appear wavy, distorted or missing, the test is abnormal and the finding should be investigated by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. For more information on AMD, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, or eye injuries, visit [www.seethepossibilities.ca](http://www.seethepossibilities.ca)

##### **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](mailto:linda.m.motz@gmail.com)

##### **Furniture for Refugee Families**

Two refugee families are looking for beds – 3 double beds and 3 single beds (frames, mattresses, and linens), small dressers and a rug (7'x10' or larger) for a bedroom. Please contact GFORCe3 Co-Chair Susan Tupling at 416-200-8675 or [tupling@swdsl.com](mailto:tupling@swdsl.com) if you can help with these items.

##### **Pub Night Fundraiser for GFORCe3**

Pub Night featuring music, food, drinks, and silent auction will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St. Alban's Church Hall, Glen Williams beginning at 7 pm. No admission fee, just a fun evening. Invite your friends and help GFORCe3 to support their refugee family.

##### **Milton KofC Valentine & Dinner Dance**

*In support of the Townsend Smith Foundation, a charity proposing to build a hospice in North Halton.* Shake off those midwinter blues and at the same time support a great cause by joining us for a wonderful evening. Come out and enjoy a

fabulous four course meal, music, door prizes, and silent auction, all in the elegance of the Granite Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, February 15. All are welcome to this event so feel free to get a group of your friends together. For more information or to order tickets go to [www.holyrosarykinghts.ca/valentines-gala](http://www.holyrosarykinghts.ca/valentines-gala) or call Daniel Varanelli at 905-875-6699.

##### **Vocations Dance - February 14th, 2025 - Mount Mary**

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and for singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, February 14th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a Vox Talk on “The Theology of Dancing and Dating”, a dance instructor, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online Registration Required by February 11th. For more details, visit: <https://hamilton-diocese.com/events/> For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

##### **Our Lady of the Rosary 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, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm** in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Website: [www.laycarmelites.org](http://www.laycarmelites.org). For more information, contact: **Noreen D’Souza:** [noreendsouza72@gmail.com](mailto:noreendsouza72@gmail.com)

##### **Life Talks Conference**

Ticket sales have launched! Join us on Saturday, March 29, 2025 for Life Talks - a day of learning and community building among the pro-life movement in Southern Ontario. Life Talks equips Christians to know how to respond to life issues and live out their pro-life convictions. We encourage you to invite friends who also would be encouraged by Life Talks! Full details and tickets online at [www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks](http://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks)

##### **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.

##### **Sanctuary Lamp**

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.



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