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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

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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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 12 Baptism of the Lord	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, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Dario Medina	
Tuesday, January 14	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Maria Dinh Thi Nen	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Christa Fuller Williams	
THURSDAY, January 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Hendryk Szymanski	
FRIDAY, January 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Dieter Kraft ✠ Gordon Barr ✠ Marguerite Hulme (I) Patricija Jaremko	
SATURDAY, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) the Medeiros Family	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bento & Maria Borges; Teresa Naranjo; Julius Klein; Teresa Francis; Patrick Myers; Walter Van Gool. Intentions of Harold & Anne Wittmeier.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the living and deceased members of our family and friends.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Baptism of the Lord that we celebrate this Sunday is a profound moment of hope and renewal, reminding us of God's closeness and love for humanity. As Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan, He sanctifies creation and opens the path for all to be cleansed and renewed in spirit. The heavens part, and the Father's voice proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," a declaration of divine love that extends to all who embrace their identity as God's children. This event invites us to reflect on our own baptism, a grace-filled call to walk in newness of life, empowered by the Holy Spirit to share in Christ's mission of love and mercy. In the humble act of receiving baptism, Jesus reminds us that God's grace meets us where we are, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary and filling our lives with hope for the journey ahead.

Quote of the Week

"They who trust in themselves are lost. They who trust in God can do all things." — *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Sunday Smile

There was once a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but a great ruler!

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, January 14th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

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 (**after Friday, January 10th please start with February 15th donation**). If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

January is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that destroys brain cells, causing thinking ability and memory to deteriorate over time. It is not a normal part of aging and is irreversible. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80% of all cases of dementia. However, it's not accurate to say that if a person has dementia, then they have Alzheimer's – or that all dementias are a form of Alzheimer's. Most cases of Alzheimer’s are sporadic, meaning they do not run in families. Reducing your risk by making brain-healthy lifestyle choices won't guarantee you won't get Alzheimer's, but it's still the most effective method of prevention. For more information, visit the Alzheimer Society of Canada at www.alsheiner.ca

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

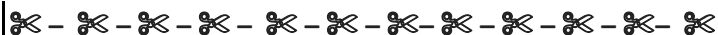
2025 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2024 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

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.

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.

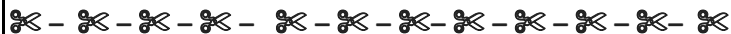


Help with Access to Health Services Through 1 Phone Number

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).



Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples struggling in their relationship. The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live with disappointment and pain in their marriage. The Retrouvaille weekend provides a safe setting where couples learn to communicate in a respectful manner. It helps couples rebuild their marriage and restore a loving relationship. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain and rediscover each other in a new positive way. The next weekend programs will be held in Mississauga on January 17 - 19 in English and January 24-26 in Spanish. Please call 437-234-5610 or go to www.torontoretrovaille.com for more information.

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.

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