

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 26 Ordinary 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, January 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) the Blackmore Family	
Tuesday, January 28	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar	
	6:00 - 630 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Corina Sibley	
THURSDAY, January 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Pat Melvin	
FRIDAY, January 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Cora Stubbert † Helena Columbus † Bob Lavoie † Jean Falzon	
SATURDAY, February 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Joe Keough; Kata Babic; Maria Dinh Thi Nen; Walter Van Gool; Rita Christensen; Alistair Macewan.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we hear from the 1st chapter of St. Luke's gospel, and he lays out his purpose – "...to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us." The Gospel of Luke is probably the most detailed account of the life and times of our Lord, coming from St. Luke who was a physician and known to be a careful historian. It is also believed that he knew Mary and was able to record a first-hand account of Jesus' life from our Holy Mother. As we begin this new liturgical year, perhaps a good resolution is to sit down and read through the Gospel of Luke. It won't take long but will be of course be a fruitful time of prayerful reading to dig deep into the life of our Lord, walking with him in a time of encounter from the crib to the cross.

Quote of the Week

"Act and God will act; work and he will work." — St. Joan of Arc

Sunday Smile

I almost failed to finish the exam to become an electrician. It was really down to the wire.

Daily Gospel Reflections

Do you have 3 or 4 minutes each day to reflect on the gospel? Fr. Dave posts a brief video reflection on the daily gospel readings from Mass, and we continue to post the Sunday

Mass each week. It is available on Facebook and Youtube daily – just search 'Holy Cross Parish' on either platform and you should be able to find it! There is new content available every day of the week!

Pilgrimage to France in October 2025

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the shrines of France from October 27th to November 8th, 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 or 416-291-2676, ext. 239

Coffee Sunday - Jan 25-26

Please join us for Coffee Sunday next weekend in Cote Hall after all Masses. We thank our amazing Catholic men's organization, the **Knights of Columbus**, for hosting! If you are interested in becoming a Knight, or even just finding out what it is all about, please see the information table in Cote Hall on Coffee Sunday and talk to one of the Knights of the Pieta Council. Hope to see you then!

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic after all Sunday Masses on January 26. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S.

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend, January 25/26 to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

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.

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

January is Thyroid Awareness Month Health Awareness

According to the Thyroid Foundation of Canada (TFC), thyroid health can affect people of all genders and ages. The thyroid gland is a small gland at the base of the neck. The hormones it secretes are essential to growth and metabolism and regulate body function. Studies indicate that 1 in 10 Canadians suffer from a thyroid condition and as many as 50% are undiagnosed! Thyroid disease is hereditary and commonly affects other family members. Until this gland goes awry, very little attention is given to its presence.

Most people are unaware that cardiac disease, lupus, reproductive difficulties, diabetes, arthritis and many other health issues are associated with a poor functioning thyroid gland. There are many types of thyroid disease, including, hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid), hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid), Graves' eye disease, cancer of the thyroid, and nodules. Hyperthyroid patients often feel unusually nervous or irritable; hypothyroid patients can feel

unusual fatigue or depression. Since symptoms may not be easily recognized, subtle reactions in emotions or behaviour may be the only visible signs of thyroid disorder. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial. Thyroid disorders for the most part are treatable; however, untreated thyroid disease can produce serious results in other parts of the body. For more information, talk to your doctor or visit www.thyroid.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

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 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, 2025c 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 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: htt[s://hamilton-diocese.com/events/ For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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