

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

Catholic Women's League Marleen Cushing, President (647) 223-2461

Knights of Columbus Joe Crane, Grand Knight 647-232-6630 jwcrane@hotmail.ca **Prayer Network** Katie 416-433-4324

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| SUNDAY, November 10 Ordinary 32 | 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, November 11 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Maria & Artur Carreiro & Conceicao & Diniz Silva | |
| TUESDAY, November 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass 🕆 Georgette Milliere | |
| WEDNESDAY November 13 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Christa Fuller Williams | |
| THURSDAY, November 14 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Eveline Godreau | |
| FRIDAY, November 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Cathy Turner † Deceased Members of the Rutherford & Green Families (I) Irma Roman (I) Mary Blackmore | |
| SATURDAY, November 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass 🕆 Steve Posavec | |
| | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Bill Kent; Kim Faria; William Murphy; Mary Gonsalves; Emil Panijan; Victor deGannes. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Elodoro Oliveira. |

From the Pastor's Desk

The thread that ties the readings together today is one of generosity toward God. The first reading and the gospel today present to us the tale of two widows – both in dire straights, but both also with a *generous heart*. They place their trust in God, and empty themselves, giving *everything*. They are generous to a fault! But what these two stories highlight is an important spiritual truth – the importance of *disconnecting* ourselves from the selfish love of worldly attachments, which prevents us from conforming ourselves to the abundantly generous heart of God. How much of our time, talent and treasures are we willing to give back to Him?

Quote of the Week

"Be good; love the Lord; pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know." — St. Josephine Bakhita

Sunday Smile

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

Holy Cross HELPS Donation

Thanks to your generosity to our Holy Cross HELPS collections,

we found ourselves with the 'good problem to have' of holding a significant surplus. It was decided that we would use this surplus for a one-time donation to the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank in the amount of \$15,000! Thank you so much for your generosity which continues to help so many in need right here in our community!

Prayer for Remembrance Day

Almighty ever-living God, hear our prayers for those who died in defence of country and freedom; grant them eternal rest, and peace to us who keep faith with them, that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace, following the example of your Son. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. – from the Collect of the Mass for Remembrance Day

KofC and CWL Christmas Social

The Knights of Columbus and the Holy Cross Catholic Women's League will be hosting their second annual Parish Christmas Social on the evening of Saturday December 7th. Tickets are \$35 and are available in the Narthex after weekend Masses or by contacting Jim Pickett 289-839-0444 or Marleen Cushing 647-223-2461.

CWL NEWS

The November CWL General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19 in Cote Hall, after the 7:00pm Mass. **Catholic Moms Group**

Moms of Holy Cross Parish are invited to our new Catholic Mom's Group on **Saturday, November 23**th **at 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. We will be meeting <u>2nd and 4th Saturday mornings</u> 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

Lay Carmelite Spirituality Group

the parish office. Hope to see you there!

"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, November 16th at 9:30 am in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Website: www.laycarmelites.org. For more information, contact: Noreen D'Souza: noreendsouza72@gmail.com

Halton Alive - Boxes of Hope

Help bring hope and encouragement to the elderly in our community! Halton Alive with its program Inspire Hope, is launching the Christmas initiative "Boxes of Hope." Last year they distributed more than 500 boxes to seniors living in long-term care and retirement homes. We NEED YOUR HELP! Spread the word, get your family, club, school, ministry and church involved! Visit www.haltonalive.ca/boxesofhope

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

November is Men's Health Awareness Month World Diabetes Day is November 14

Diabetes is a disease in which your body either can't produce insulin or can't properly use the insulin it produces. According to the International Diabetes Federation, 1 in 10 people are living with diabetes. Over 90% have type 2 diabetes. Close to half are not yet diagnosed. In many cases, type 2 diabetes and its complications can be delayed or prevented by adopting and maintaining healthy habits. From eating well and staying active to practising self-care and connecting with others, there are many steps you can take to live a healthy life. Knowing your risk and what to do is important to support prevention, early diagnosis, and timely treatment. Visit www.idf.org or www.diabetes.ca for more information.

Advent Inner Healing Retreat - December 7th, 8th, & 10th
"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord'" (Isaiah 40:3) – Fr. Adam Zettel, LC, will lead and

facilitate this Inner Healing Retreat based on the program, Healing the Whole Person, by Dr. Bob Schuchts. Come discover transformational freedom in Christ-Engage your story with honesty; Discover Jesus's presence even in fear, doubt or pain; Accept His invitation to make you whole; Live in His freedom. The retreat begins on the second weekend of Advent, running Dec. 7, 9 am-5 pm / Dec. 8, 1-5 pm / Dec. 10, 6-9 pm inclusive at Holy Cross Church, Georgetown. Along with 7 insightful talks, there will be opportunities for personal prayer and reflection (using the Healing the Whole Person Participant Guide), Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Prayer teams and individual spiritual direction will also be available. Registration Fee: \$30 (includes participant guide and light lunch provided on Sat. Dec. 7). Registration Deadline: Thursday, November 28. You can register on the parish web site at https://holycrossrc.com or sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jennifer Cauchi at <u>jcauchi@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or through the parish office.

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

We have started a Men's Prayer Group at Holy Cross Parish this fall! The next meeting 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!

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

Halton Catholic Children's Foundation - Evening with the Bishop

Join us on Thursday, November 14 at the Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre. Reception at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$100. Register online at https://www.hccf.ca/evening-with-bishop-crosby/ or print the Flyer/Registration Form on our website - www.hccf.ca The evening with the Bishop promises to be an inspiring night filled with uplifting conversations, delicious food, and a chance to connect with fellow supporters of the mission to help students overcome barriers to learning. All proceeds go directly to HCDSB students, ensuring they have the support and the supplies they need to succeed and thrive while at school.

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