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Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 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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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
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Date	Time	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 19 Easter 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	LIVE STREAM Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31)	
MONDAY, April 20		No Mass	
TUESDAY, April 21	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 4. 23-37; John 3.7b-15) Int. of Marie Simpson	
WEDNESDAY, April 22	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 5.17-26; John 3.16-21) †Hilda Effinger	
THURSDAY, April 23	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 5.27-33; John 3.31-36) † Juraj, Mara & George Sebalj	
FRIDAY, April 24	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 5.34-42; John 6.1-15) † Jean Falzon † Sebastian Welford Int. of Melina & Pierna Albanese Int. of Anne Hayes	
SATURDAY, April 25	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bill Kent; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Frank Kolodziej; deceased members of the Busija & Banda Families; Giuseppe Brancatella; Domenico Tucci.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Beth Brown.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser for Sacre-Coeur Parish

Wondering what to do with your old electronics? Sacre-Coeur parish has a drop-off point for electronic recycling, and get paid for each item received. The heavier, the better! Every pound collected earns them money. Televisions (all kinds), computers, printers, batteries (all kinds), DVD or CD players, photocopier, telephones, stereos and amplifiers. Computer screens, cellular network equipment, electrical wires, computer accessories, ink cartridges, computer games and many more. For more information: Maryse Mallet Sinnis (mmalletsinnes@gmail.com). Or contact Jim Pickett at 289-839-0444 (voice or text). **No appliances please.**

From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue to get use to our 'new normal', I just wanted to offer this quick message to assure you of my daily prayers. As I have said before, Mass has not been cancelled! Yes, we have been prevented from publically celebrating the Mass, but we do offer the Mass every day, and continue to live stream it for you to participate at home. Let's keep praying for all those affected by COVID-19, and let's not forget to pray for all of the researchers working on treatments and a vaccine which will be that catalyst that allows us to truly get back to 'normal'. May God continue to pour out his abundant blessings upon you! – Fr. Dave

Thank You!

A big thank you to all of those who have been able to continue to support the parish with your donations. Your support helps more than you know to keep us going during this difficult time. Also a big thank you to all of you that have sent and dropped off Easter Cards and sent encouraging messages – Father Dave and Deacon Hayden have very much appreciated your support for us personally as well!

We Welcome Deacon Hayden Starczala!

We welcome to our parish this week Deacon Hayden Starczala who will be joining our Pastoral Team! Dc. Hayden is completing his seminary studies at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, and will be ordained to the priesthood this August. So come September, we are excited to announce that Holy Cross will once again have an Associate Pastor for the first time in several years! This will allow us to do much more to serve our growing parish community, and we can't wait to get 'back to normal' so we can begin to once again ramp up our ministry at Holy Cross!

Parish and Office Closed Until Further Notice

The church and office remain closed until further notice. We take our cues from Public Health officials, and patiently await their permission to re-open our doors. In the meantime, voice messages and emails are checked

regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

Stay Connected with Holy Cross Online

During this time of church closure, stay tuned to one or all of our various online channels of communication. Our **website**, as well as addresses for our **Twitter** and **Facebook** feed are listed on the front page of this bulletin. We will update these channels frequently during this time.

Livestream of the Mass from Holy Cross

Fr. Dave will be livestreaming the Mass each Sunday at 9am on Facebook Live (facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown). He will also be livestreaming weekday Masses at 9am Monday-Saturday when he can. The video of the livestream will also be saved and remain online after the broadcast in case you missed it. You can also find the daily Mass broadcast from several sources, but in particular from Toronto on various TV channels, and online at dailytvmass.com.

Mass Intentions

Fr. Dave will be celebrating a private Mass each day, and will be offering the scheduled intentions as listed in the bulletin. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot have public participation in these Masses. If you wish to reschedule your already scheduled intention, please contact the office.

An Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

Here is a traditional prayer to use to make an Act of Spiritual Communion in times when we are unable to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You are already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

Sacrament of the Sick

Newly implemented policies at hospitals and long-term care facilities in Ontario have restricted visitors in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes clergy, no exceptions. It breaks our hearts as priests, but unfortunately we will be unable to offer the Last Rites to the dying in these facilities as we are not allowed to visit health care institutions until further notice. We confidently rely on the mercy of God in these times, knowing that he doesn't abandon us during our time of need. Be at peace knowing that your loved ones are in God's compassionate hands, and their desire to receive the sacraments even when they are unable to do so is known to our merciful Lord!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is always a popular time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive God's mercy. However, like everything else, we are unable to schedule confessions at this time. Fortunately, Canon Law provides for this situation - when you desire the sacrament, but you are unable to receive it. Make an **examination of conscience** as usual, **sincerely confess your sins to God**, and make an **Act of Contrition** with the **resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible** once it is again available, and you will immediately return to a state of grace with God. It's not your fault that you are unable to make your confession - God will provide!

Offertory Giving During this Time

If you are able at this time to drop off your envelopes in the mailbox outside of the parish office, that would be very helpful. We now have a secure, lockable mailbox for this purpose! You may also wish to begin making your offerings through pre-authorized giving (form available on the website). You can also make donations online with a credit card through the Diocesan portal which allows you to select 'Holy Cross Georgetown' as the beneficiary of your donation at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund>.

Thank you everybody for your continued generous support of the parish as we work to keep our bills paid!

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