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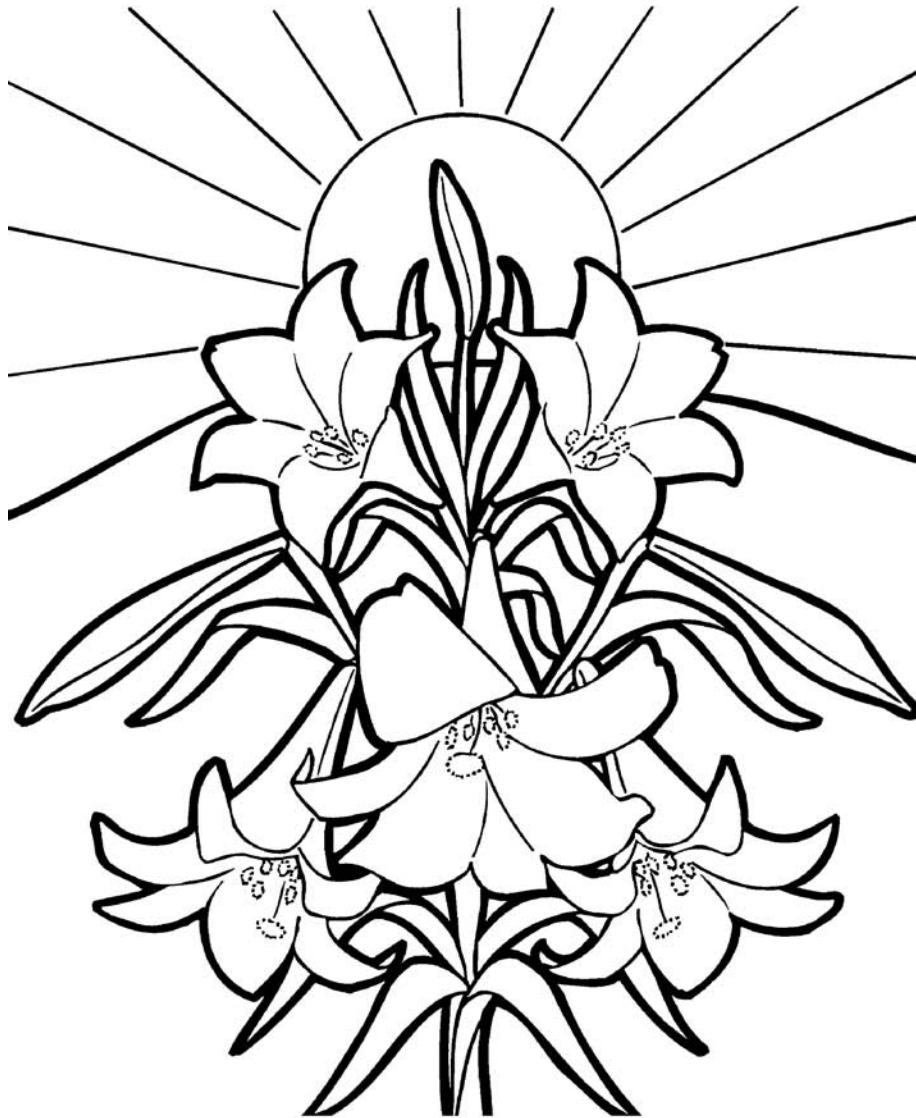
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

EASTER SUNDAY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
EASTER SUNDAY, April 4	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, April 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sebastiao Borges	
TUESDAY, April 6	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Barb Bruce	
WEDNESDAY, April 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Stella Sextus	
THURSDAY, April 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Esubus Mathen	
FRIDAY, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Henry the 8 th and his Court † Wayne Cudmore † Glenn Anderson † Steve Posavec † Ellsi Mathen	
SATURDAY, April 10	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Domenico Tucci; Kevin Cachia; Miguel Vieira; John & Rosa Chora; Ron O'Hearn; Cheryl Decouto.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter everyone! He is risen! As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection today, we share in the great joy of all Christians around the world that indeed, he is risen! He has taken the sins of the world upon his own shoulders so that we may be freed from them and that we may be reconciled to the Father. The glorious end to the story is that by rising, Christ has defeated sin and death forever! He now offers this free gift to all of us which we don't merit or deserve in any way. Out of love. For us. Let us respond in joy during this Easter season, thanking our Lord for his mercy and divine love which knows no limits. Our only response? To respond to our Lord in love for Him and for our neighbours. Happy Easter everyone! He is risen! – Fr. Dave

Thank You!

A big thank you is in order for all of our many volunteers who have pitched in to help us celebrate this Holy Week! A lot of effort goes on behind the scenes in decorating, in preparing music, in organizing readers and Eucharistic ministers, and of course our many ushers helping to keep everyone safe by implementing our pandemic protocols. So, a big thank you to everyone today and every day – many hands make light work in the life of our wonderful parish community!

Welcome to our Newest Catholics!

A big congratulations to the 6 RCIA candidates who were fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil with Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. It has been a wonderful year journeying with this wonderful group, and we look forward to welcoming them fully into the life of our parish!

'Easter Duty' During the Pandemic Has Been Dispensed

Bishop Crosby wishes it to be made know that he has dispensed everyone in the Diocese of Hamilton from their 'Easter Duty' due to the pandemic. If you are uncomfortable in crowds, be at peace and continue to participate with us online at your homes – you are not required at this time to be present for Mass, or to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation unless you are conscious of grave sin. Let us continue to pray that this time of pandemic comes to an end soon, and that we can all celebrate together in-person again Easter of 2022!

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – Rolls Along!

The *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign* continues to move forward! As of our last report, we now have \$230,000 in pledges! Thank you so much for your generosity. There is still

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time to make your contribution – any amount is appreciated to help us meet our goals! Fr. Dave is also always available by email or phone to discuss the Campaign with you further. www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open with limited office hours. We will be open for in person visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Voice messages and emails are still being checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

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.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

Online Resources

We will continue to engage with the parish online. A list of links to online resources will be published on our parish website, including links to our Facebook, Twitter and Youtube channels. We can't currently gather in person, but we will certainly do all that we can do to stay in touch!

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021

For those that have not been able to pick up their Sunday Offering envelopes for 2021, let us know at the office. We have volunteers that will happily deliver them to your door!

Sunday Missals for 2021

Sunday Missals for Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, please contact the Knights of Columbus at fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca to arrange home delivery of your book.

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.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisor needed for St. Catherine of Alexandria School. This is a one hour (12:05 - 1:05 p.m.) per day paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months. Contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

Halton Alive

Did you know that our parish has a Life Team dedicated to praying for the pro-life intentions of our families, community and Nation? If you have a pro-life intention or you're interested in being part of the Life Team, please contact Marilaura by emailing her at wallmarilaura@gmail.com For more information about Life Teams visit our website: <https://www.haltionalive.ca/volunteer>

Diocesan Anniversary Mass 2021

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

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