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*Established as a Parish in the
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

Father David Walter, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary

SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**Please note Mass time changes)

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

Catholic Women's League

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905-877-1176
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416-505-4354

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905-873-6455

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, August 22 <i>Ordinary 21</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, August 23		No Mass	
TUESDAY, August 24	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Joan Rutherford	
WEDNESDAY, August 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marino Balmonte	
THURSDAY, August 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Clarence & Madeline Varey	
FRIDAY, August 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Jean Fisher † Gosia Pok † Len Walter (I) the Abbott Family	
SATURDAY, August 28	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Immacolata & Maria Brancatella; Joe & Ana Rici; Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Sons; Magdalena & Lazarus d'Souza; Mr. & Mrs. Pinto & Gratton & Clestine Vaz; Marge Willis.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Mora Family.

COVID Protocol Updates

The Diocese, in consultation with the Ministry of Health, has released some new protocols for parishes given the reduced number of cases we are experiencing at this point in the pandemic. Although the main precautions of masks and social distancing are still in effect, there are some loosening of the rules when it comes to worship which include:

1. **Communion on the Tongue** – this is once again allowed, but communicants wishing to receive on the tongue are asked to line up at the end, in the priest's line, after all those wishing to receive on the hand have received
2. **Communion Dialogue** – we will once again be saying 'The Body of Christ'...'Amen' to each communicant rather than doing so communally as has been the practise.
3. **Hymnals** – we will be returning the hymnals to the pews, encouraging congregational singing once again, albeit while still wearing a mask

We thank you for your cooperation over the past 16 months in adhering to all of the protocols in place to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Let's continue to pray for an end to this time of pandemic!

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.

'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!

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.

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!

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!

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this Fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Father Dave at the Parish Office. The process involves a weekly commitment to one hour sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

Religious Instruction for Public School

Parents of children enrolled in **Public** or **Private** schools are invited to enroll them in our parish's religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child's reception of the sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a one hour 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. **St. Catherine of Alexandria School 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily** - contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

Links2Care School Supplies Program is Back(pack)!

With the help of our fabulously generous community, Links2Care is once again distributing backpacks and school supplies FREE so JK to Grade 12 Halton Hills students can go back to school in style no matter what the 2021-2022 school year looks like! You can help - DONATE: money, gift cards and NEW school supplies (see list below) are much appreciated. Donations can be made in person or by mail at 360 Guelph Street, Unit 33, Georgetown ON L7G 4B5; visit our website www.links2care.ca/donate/ or online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/links2care/ or at the Georgetown Marketplace "Fill the Bus" display in centre court. To apply for your free school supplies (by August 13) call 905-873-6502; email jbattista@links2car.ca or cgerrow@links2care.ca or download the application from at www.links.care.ca

School Supplies Wish List - Backpacks (older students only please), Binders (small only please), Notebooks (spiral), Paper (lined and quad), Report Covers, Lunch Bags, Pencil Cases (with 3 rings), Pencils, Pens (blue, black and red), Highlighters, Crayons, Pencil Crayons, Markers (thick and thin), Glue Sticks, White Glue, Erasers, Rulers, Scissors, Geometry Sets, Calculators (regular and scientific)

Links2Care - Supper on Wheels

Links2Care have partnered with The Lunch Lady to offer 'Supper on Wheels' for seniors and adults with disabilities in Halton Hills. Tuesdays, starting June 1st - only \$9.60. Gift certificates available. Contact 905-873-6502 or email info@links2care.ca (www.links2care.ca)

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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.haltonalive.ca/volunteer>

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