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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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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

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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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905-873-6455

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 21 Lent 7	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 (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, February 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Carol Andrews & deceased members of the Miscio Family	
TUESDAY, February 23	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Ziola Esperanza Loayza	
WEDNESDAY February 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Miguel Vieira	
THURSDAY, February 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Joyce MacArthur	
FRIDAY, February 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lorenzo Cosentino † Estrela Frias (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony (I) Living & deceased members of the Kelly Family	
SATURDAY, February 27	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Frances Cole; Darius Szlatchta; Silvio Tiberio. Intentions of Gerald McCauley; Intentions of Alan Lahue.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Blessed Sacrament.

From the Pastor's Desk

We're open again! With Halton Region's return to the Red Zone of pandemic restrictions we're once again able to offer public Mass at 30% of our capacity, which is 150 people. It really is wonderful to see people in the pews again! We had a great turn out for Ash Wednesday and found ourselves at capacity, meaning unfortunately we had to lock the doors. We apologize to those who couldn't get in, but it is great to see everyone's enthusiasm in getting back to church! We still need to be vigilant with our protocols, but with your cooperation we can continue to keep everyone safe as we return to the pews for Lent. We're still taking a 'wait and see' approach before scheduling Holy Week Masses, but stay tuned... Have a great week everyone! – Fr. Dave

Stations of the Cross

To limit gatherings outside of Mass, unfortunately this year we will not be able to offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings as is our tradition. We will offer this devotion online instead. As well, there is a version of the Stations professionally filmed through the streets of Jerusalem that you may consider using this Lent. It is very well done, and you may find it at: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>

Lenten Reflection by Fr. Hayden - 'Saints and the Path of Penance'

Each Thursday Evening at 7pm during Lent a new weekly reflection series by Fr. Hayden will be posted with the theme of 'Saints and the Path of Penance.' Be sure to tune in via our Facebook or Youtube pages!

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We Launch February 21st!

We have now officially launched our *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign!* You can expect a mailing this week which outlines the goals of the Campaign, and Fr. Dave will preach about next weekend at Mass. The amount requested in the letter is a starting point for consideration but it is not meant to be an expectation. Rather, it is an invitation to prayerfully consider a pledge that makes sense for your family. You may receive a call from one of our Campaign Ambassadors over the next week or two to follow up and ask if you have any questions. The volunteers do not know what you have been asked to pledge, they are simply inviting you to participate, and to assist with clarifications about the Campaign. We ask you to welcome these calls from fellow parishioners, and have your questions ready! www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown

One Heart, One Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three year campaign?

Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the Diocese.

2. Are cash pledges the only kind of gift?

Because many of the needs of the campaign will require immediate funding, gifts of cash and appreciated securities are generally sought. But trust and estate gifts are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the diocese development director, Francis Doyle, at 905-528-7988 to discuss the options available.

3. Does a campaign commitment result in tax benefits?

Gifts to the campaign are eligible for charitable tax credits that can significantly reduce the amount of tax you pay. The specific tax credit received is based on the amount of your gift and your taxable income. Donors with specific questions regarding tax benefits should contact their attorney or financial adviser.

4. Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

5. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?

There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal)
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
- Making a stock or securities transfer

World Day of Prayer 2021

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2021 service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. This year, the ecumenical prayer service will be **held virtually on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.** and will be hosted by Sacre-Coeur Church, and includes participants from a number of local Georgetown churches. Join the Zoom meeting on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85740982503?pwd=a1VkRnBp eC9JbEhQRWNSTDVVSy9NUT09>

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!

Halton Catholic District School Board

Tell Us What You Think of HCDSB's Mission, Vision, Values! The Halton Catholic District School Board has begun the process to develop our next Multi-Year Strategic Plan, and are seeking the input of parish communities on suggested changes to each of Mission, Vision, and Values statements. The survey will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021. The results of this survey will be shared with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and will help guide the final decision of the Board of Trustees as they validate the Mission, Vision and Values at a future Board Meeting. LINK TO SURVEY: <http://bit.ly/HCDSB-MissionVisionValues>

Development & Peace - SHARE LENT

Share Love, Share Lent: (Re)discover Development and Peace. The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and its call "for a love that transcends... geography and distance" and "allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person." Each week, the campaign explores a different aspect of Development and Peace's work and offers you ways to become involved. This week, meet one of our partners from the Global South and create your own fundraising web page! Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period. Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent

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.

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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