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## 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\*\*  
(\*\*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](http://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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Frans 905-877-6369

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905-877-4451

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 28 Lent 2	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, March 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christine Garvey	
TUESDAY, March 2	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † William Sizer	
WEDNESDAY March 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † James Parker	
THURSDAY, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sante Testa & Maria Testa	
FRIDAY, March 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased members of the Sibley Family † Henry the 8 <sup>th</sup> and his court † Monica Drosi (I) John & Maria Branco & family	
SATURDAY, March 6	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Jim Kavanagh; Glenn Anderson; Albertina Branco & Jose Pimentel; Natalia Pereira & Julio Pereira; Candida Azevedo.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of living and deceased members of our families and friends.

### From the Pastor's Desk

It was great to see everyone again last weekend as we were able to open for Mass for the first time since Christmas! It's wonderful to be open again for the season of Lent – that period we have each year to intentionally take more time to consider our spiritual lives, repent of our sins, and ready our souls as we walk alongside Jesus in his passion so that we may more fully celebrate his resurrection at Easter! I encourage everyone to take some 'time in the desert' with Our Lord this Lent, to spend time with Him in prayer, in scripture, and to offer our little sacrifices of Lenten resolutions in union with the cross of Christ. If we remain faithful to our Lenten commitments we will indeed experience spiritual growth during these 40 days, and deepen our relationship with the Saviour. Have a great week everyone! – Fr. Dave

### Tax Receipts for 2020

The charitable tax receipts from Holy Cross have been mailed to the address we have on file for you. If you haven't yet received your receipt, please contact the office. Also, please note that if you made a donation to the parish this year online through the 'Canada Helps' website, your receipt has been issued by them, and was emailed to you at the time of your donation. If you have lost a receipt issued by Canada

Helps, you can go to their website at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/ReceiptDownload.aspx>, enter your email address, and they will send you a new copy. Thank you all for your generosity!

### 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 on our Facebook and Youtube channels. 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 Day of Penance at Holy Cross

Lent is always a traditional time of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year we will be hosting a full day of confessions in addition to our regular times for the sacrament of Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Our *Day of Penance* will take place on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4:30pm**. At least one priest will be available at any time during that window, with 3 priests available from 10am – 12pm. Mark your calendars and plan to come out that day to receive God's mercy!

**One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – We have Launched!**

We have now officially launched our *One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign!* We look forward to moving forward with this campaign which will support the goals of our parish, and to also support shared ministries within the Diocese. 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](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/holycrossgeorgetown)

**One Heart, One Soul Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions****1. How do you determine the pledge amounts that families are asked to consider?**

Ask amounts are based on a number of factors: planning study results, families' history of parish support, input from church leadership, and the understanding that for this to be successful it will require sacrificial gifts. In other words, if the amount you are asked for is more than you anticipated, it generally means that you have been a generous supporter of your parish and/or the Diocese and is an indication of the challenge we face in reaching our goal. Through this campaign, we are asking everyone to consider supporting their parish and the Diocese in a meaningful and sacrificial way and in a manner that works well for each family. It is not our intention to offend or embarrass anyone. The amount requested is NOT an expectation. It is an invitation to participate in this project at whatever level that is sacrificial and meaningful to you and your family. We will be grateful for any support you offer.

**2. Why are we still doing the campaign? With the virus, shouldn't we be focused on other priorities?**

From the beginning, this campaign has been primarily about strengthening our parishes. Because of the pandemic, our parishes have even greater needs than when we started. Because the campaign is in place, we are in a better position than almost any diocese in North America to help our parishes recover from the blows suffered from COVID-19. The campaign offers parishes the opportunity to better fulfill their missions. There is no greater priority than that.

**3. How can we ask for money from people who lost their job or are otherwise hurting financially because of the virus?**

We certainly are very sensitive to the struggles parishioners are facing, whether related to the virus or not. That's why we work with pastors and leaders at parishes to set and review request amounts. That process will be even more important

throughout the rest of the campaign. It is not foolproof, though. Pastors do not know every parishioner's situation. But there is never an intention to be insensitive to a parishioner's suffering. Meanwhile, some parishioners are in a position to give now, and they want to help. The campaign gives them the opportunity to help and the confidence of knowing how the money will be used. Be assured that only those who are able to give are expected to do so, and ultimately the decision is between the donor and the Lord.

**Easter Basket Brigade - Community Unity**

Partnering with other churches in town through the Community Unity initiative, we are asking for monetary donations to go toward buying gift cards for 175 families in need in our community this Easter. You are also welcome to write an Easter Card to a family and share God's love between us. Please mark an envelope 'Easter Basket' with your donation, and it will be used for this purpose. Community Unity will be distributing these Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

**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=a1VkRnBpeC9JbEhQRWNSTDVVSy9NUT09>

**Development & Peace - SHARE LENT**

*Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises.* Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the Share Love, Share Lent campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace. Learn how at [devp.org/chainletter](http://devp.org/chainletter)

**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!



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