



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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)

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### Saint Catherine School

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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 10 Baptism of the Lord	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.)	<b>ONLINE ONLY</b>
MONDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Lucienne Sluis	
TUESDAY, January 12	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - <i>CANCELLED</i>	
	6-6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - <i>CANCELLED</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † William Sizer	
WEDNESDAY, January 13	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Andrea Lanzarotta	
THURSDAY, January 14	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, January 15	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass † Mary & James Igoe † Laura Trapani † Nevenka Rici (I) Florentina Mascorro	
SATURDAY, January 16	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - <i>CANCELLED</i>	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (ON LINE at 6am <i>Sunday</i> ) <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Patrick McCarthy; Bento Borges; Joe Oliveira Costa; Tadeusz & Leokadia Mitrowski; Lloyd Perreira.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in thanksgiving for grace received.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Not much new to report this weekend as we wind up week 2 of the current lockdown period. As it stands the lockdown remains in effect until January 23<sup>rd</sup>, but of course this is subject to change and be extended. We wait and see! Fr. Hayden and I continue to say a private Mass daily for the scheduled intentions, and for the parish. It's of course a very strange time, but we continue our work in the office, and if there is a silver lining it's that we have this opportunity to play 'catch up' on many administrative duties that often get placed on the backburner. We carry on!

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, officially ending the Christmas season. Unbelievably we begin 'Ordinary' Time in our liturgical year this week as we enter into Jesus' public ministry. If we're able to enter into the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year by following the daily readings, I think we will all find spiritual benefit as we now 'grow up' so to speak with Jesus, following his life along the way. Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

### **The Provincial Lockdown and Churches – We are Closed**

Many of you have naturally wondered how the province-wide lockdown announced by Premier Ford on December

21<sup>st</sup> affects Churches. The answer is that we are included in the lockdown effective Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am. This means that we are closed for all public Masses until further notice. The current lockdown we are told will last for 28 days, but this of course could change. We will keep you posted through our website, Facebook and Twitter.

### **Office is Also Closed Until Further Notice**

The provincial lockdown order includes the closure of our parish office as well. Although we will still be checking messages and working, the office will be closed except for necessary in-person appointments. All other ministry will be offered by phone, email or online video conference services.

### **The Building Is Closed, But We're Still Here!**

Although the building will be closed during the lockdown, that doesn't mean that we're not here! Fr. Hayden and Fr. Dave will still be celebrating Mass daily for the scheduled intentions, and for the intentions of the parish. We will still post content online including the Sunday Mass, daily Gospel Reflections, and will work to offer more ways of engaging online. Further, we will still be offering ministry by phone, and are available for emergencies to offer the Sacrament of

the Sick, abiding by the protocols of our hospitals, senior homes, and emergency visits to your personal homes. The building may be closed, but the Church is never closed!

### **Donations to the Parish During the Lockdown**

We thank you for your continued generosity during these difficult months. It is so much appreciated in helping to keep all our bills paid! During the lockdown there are several options to continue making your offerings:

- 1) **Drop off your envelopes** (we have a locked mailbox outside the office door that is checked several times each day)
- 2) **Pre-Authorized Giving** - *'Set it, and forget it!'* Forms are available on the website to begin making donations automatically from your bank account through pre-authorized giving
- 3) **Donate Online** - there is a link on our website home page which allows you to make one-time donations with your credit card.

### **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!

### **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 Missals for 2021**

Sunday Missals for Advent and Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, you may contact the Knights of Columbus at [fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca](mailto:fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca) to arrange home delivery of your book.

### **One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign - Update**

The *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign for our parish is beginning in phases, and some have already been offered the opportunity to participate. We will be rolling it out fully in the new year and look forward to presenting the projects that we wish to undertake including repairs of our air conditioning system, a lighting retrofit, a new sound system, debt reduction, as well as a fund to make up for lost revenue during COVID, with an eye to bringing on new pastoral staff once we find ourselves back to 'normal'. It's been a tough time for many and we certainly recognize that – we just ask that you prayerfully consider helping us in anyway that you can. If you have any questions or comments you are always welcome to reach out to Fr. Dave by phone or email.

### **'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](mailto:holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com) and we will add you to our mailing list.

### **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.

### **Have You Recently Moved or Changed Your Contact Info?**

If you have moved or changed your telephone number or email address in the last few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

### **Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children - CLOSED!**

Please note that Dr. Simone's Mississauga warehouse is closed until further notice. We will be unable to accept items at the parish until the warehouse re-opens. Please watch the bulletin to find out when we will start accepting items again.

### **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.*



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