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Monday 12:00 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**
(**12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 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

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905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 14 Ordinary 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving	
TUESDAY, January 16	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Hartley	
WEDNESDAY, January 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Luciano Tenaglia	
THURSDAY, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Clarence Albert	
FRIDAY, January 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Cabral † Giovanni Romanet (I) Chris Fines (I) Jennifer Cauchi (I) Derek Fisher	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, January 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Kees deGroot; Diane Tenaglia Baker; Burgi Seelos; Gaetano Giorando & Ida & Giovanni Misasi; Margaret Michelin; Teresa Lima Dias.; Artur Raposo.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Ruth Ann Doucette.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we move forward from the Christmas season our readings today focus on God's call in our lives. From the first reading we hear about the voice of God gently calling to Samuel who humbly and obediently responds, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." In the gospel we have the account of Jesus starting to put together his team of apostles, as they come to Jesus seeking the Messiah. Christ is always gently calling all of us to follow him as well. Are we listening to his voice? Are we heeding his call? Are we doing his will in our lives Perhaps those are some questions to ponder as we begin a new liturgical year so that we can respond with today's Psalm response, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

Quote of the Week

"Every one of us has been called by the Lord. The important thing is to know how to answer his call." — *St. John XXIII*

Sunday Smile

When I was taking down my decorations the dog ate an entire string of Christmas lights but thankfully my vet removed them. He's delighted.

Life Talk: Medical Assistance in Dying

On Thursday, January 25th at 7:00pm our Halton Life Team and the CWL will be hosting a seminar on the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying. Join us for an interactive video presentation to learn more about euthanasia in Canada and how we can respond. Our Life Team has a table at the back for more information, and to register.

Than You for the Christmas Cards and Gifts!

A big thank you to everyone that sent Christmas cards and gifts over the holidays. It was so much appreciated! I had great intentions of writing personal 'thank you' cards to everyone, but you were all so generous that it was going to be too big a task! But, please accept this 'less personal' thank you, and know how much gratitude we have! - Fr. Dave

Fr. Dave Away this Week (Jan 15-22)

Fr. Dave will be away on vacation this coming week. Fr. Carlos is (as always!) available should you require any pastoral assistance in my absence.

OPEN CHURCH: A Speakers Forum for the Middle

Holy Cross Parish - Friday, Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ***This event is for*** parents of young families of Holy Cross Parish. As we continue to ponder the Holy Family as the model of God's action in the "ordinariness" of life, we find it is precisely here in "the middle" of life that our Lord wants to meet us, save us, and heal us. ***The purpose of this event*** is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into a deeper experience of prayer and into a more intimate relationship with our God. He wants to fill us and to use us for the good of our families, our communities, and the Church, all for the glory of the Father. ***Join us as we hear from dynamic speakers*** from the Hamilton Diocese who will lead us to an encounter with Christ as we go deeper in understanding the Love of the Father and God's only begotten Son, Jesus. We will have an opportunity to deepen our understanding and awareness of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how to put that into practice. ***Come as you are. Come when you want. Stay if you want.*** Child care is available. **To Register**, please visit <https://forms.gle/CNL4k8mW1B3Jh5Sj8>. For more information or if you wish to volunteer for this event, please send an email to holycrossgeorgetownreg@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 905-873-1887.

CWL NEWS

The first CWL General Council Meeting for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, in Cote Hall after the 7:30pm Mass. Our guest speaker is Kaitlin McKenna, Special Events Coordinator for Halton Women's Place. Members may pay their 2024 membership fee at this meeting, or after Mass in the Narthex of the Church, on the weekends of January 27/28 or February 3/4. New members are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Boxed sets of 2024 envelopes are available for pick in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. If you would like to sign up for *Pre-Authorized Giving* there are forms in the Narthex or contact the office.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2024 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that destroys brain cells, causing thinking ability and memory to deteriorate over time. It is not a normal part of aging and is irreversible. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80% of all cases of dementia. However, it's not accurate to say that if a person has dementia, then they have Alzheimer's – or that all dementias are a form of Alzheimer's. Most cases of Alzheimer's are sporadic, meaning they do not run in families. Reducing your risk by making brain-healthy lifestyle choices won't guarantee you won't get Alzheimer's, but it's still the most effective method of prevention. For more information, visit the Alzheimer Society of Canada at www.alzheimer.ca

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the Georgetown Bread Basket would like to express their gratitude for the generosity shown by Holy Cross Parish. Our annual Toonies for Turkeys collected \$1,776 which was topped-up to \$2,000 to help with the Bread Basket's Christmas needs.

Vocations Mass

The Serra Club of Halton invites you to a Vocations Mass to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Life and Consecrated Life. Bishop Crosby will speak following Mass. Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm, St. Gabriel's Parish, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following Bishop Crosby's talk.

Retrouvaille

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage! Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. By learning the tools of healthy communication, you can build greater intimacy. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. January 19-21, 2024 in Mississauga. For more information call 437-234-5610 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com or www.helpourmarriage.org

Rental Unit Needed for GFORCe3 Afghan Family

GFORCe3 is widening its search for a rental unit for its second Afghan Family. We will now be looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store within Georgetown, Acton or Milton. GFORCe3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived here for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Contact Greg MacDonald (416-219-9113), Don Robinson (905-703-0043), or Susan Tupling (416-200-8675) with any possibilities.

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