

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 12 Noon  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  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

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#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 17 Ordinary 2	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	LIVE STREAM Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	ONLINE ONLY
MONDAY, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Private Daily Mass v Ivo Osti	
TUESDAY, January 19	<del>6:00 p.m.</del>	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	<del>6 - 6:30 p.m.</del>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	<del>7:00 p.m.</del>	Private Daily Mass † Giovanni Romanet	
WEDNESDAY, January 20	9:00 a.m.	Private Daily Mass † Al Chodelka	
THURSDAY, January 21	9:00 a.m.	Private Daily Mass † Kevin Stamp	
FRIDAY, January 22	9:00 a.m.	Private Daily Mass  † Josefina Pacquina † George Sebalj † James Maxwell Jack (I) Mark Lindsey	
SATURDAY, January 23	<del>4 - 4:30 p.m.</del>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (ON LINE at 6am <u>Sunday</u> ) Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Miguel Vieira; Rosalina Dos Anjos; Hermano Almeida & Tony Pacheco; Leon Larocque; Pat Hayes.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of living and deceased members of our families and friends.

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Although we definitely miss seeing everyone we continue to move forward as a parish! Fr. Hayden and I are both celebrating private Masses for you and your intentions daily, and are keeping you constantly in our prayers. This pandemic and lockdown have all of us feeling anxious, but we continue to lean on our faith to get us through. With adherence to public health guidelines and a greater supply of vaccines on the horizon, there is much cause for hope in the weeks and months ahead! Let's keep praying for one another through this difficult time.

In addition to the online broadcast of our Sunday Mass, I continue to offer brief daily reflections on the gospel of the day, and starting next week Fr. Hayden will begin a series of reflections on St. Joseph. You will find more information on this new online series below in the bulletin.

Although there is not much else to report at this time, we continue to work hard behind the scenes as we catch up on non-urgent work that tends to get put on the backburner, and we are also working to prepare for programs and ministry for that time that we are able to open our doors once more!

God Bless everyone and have a great week! - Fr. Dave

#### Year of St. Joseph - Online Series by Fr. Hayden

On Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of St. Joseph', encouraging all Christians to reflect on the life of Joseph and his role in salvation history. Starting this coming **Thursday, Jan 21 at 7:00pm**, Fr. Hayden will begin the first in a series of Thursday online reflections on St. Joseph to assist us in celebrating this time of focus on the man that God the Father chose to raise and care for his Divine Son on this earth. A new reflection will be released each week at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings on our Facebook and Youtube pages.

#### <u>The Provincial Lockdown and Churches – We are Closed</u>

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 December 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am. This means that we are closed for all public Masses until further notice. We will keep you posted through our website, Facebook and Twitter on when we are able to re-open.

#### 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 preauthorized 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 <a href="mailto:fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca">fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca</a> 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 <a href="mailto:holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com">holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com</a> and we will add you to our mailing list.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

#### A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti

We are created to be relational, to be in communion with God and one another. Pope Francis's new Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* expresses the Pope's deep concern that humanity is becoming more and more isolated from each other. He states, "If we take each other seriously, then we should be brothers and sisters and friends, and not just anonymous beings." Join us on Zoom for a free webinar on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. for a 90-minute look at this beautifully written document. Registration is required, since the zoom or phone link for joining the session will need to be e-mailed or provided to you by phone.

#### **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.

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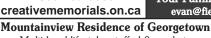
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