

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**

(**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 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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, July 26 Ordinary 17	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 13.44-52) (ON LINE at 9:00 a.m.)	Please note edited Mass times.
MONDAY, July 27		No Mass	
TUESDAY, July 28	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6-6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 14.17-22; Matthew 13.36-43) 🕆 Ilidia Azevedo Avila	
WEDNESDAY, July 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 15.10, 16-21; John 11.17-27) (I) Florentina Mascorro	
THURSDAY, July 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 18.1-6; Matthew 13.47-52) † Carmel Elizabeth Keenan	
FRIDAY, July 31	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 26.1-9; Matthew 13.54-58) † Josephine McAllister † Nevenka Rici † Irene Powell † St. Anthony	
SATURDAY, August 1	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: George & Nina Busuttil; John Voros; Arthur Pierce; Lynne Marie Barker; Betty Brown. Intentions of Kathy Moulton.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Luis Botelho.

From the Pastor's Desk...

As summer rolls along, we continue to get into the rhythm of our 'new normal' here at Holy Cross. I once again thank everyone for their cooperation in adhering to the various health and safety protocols put into place to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19. There is not much new to report this week, but I continue to thank you for your continued financial support for those who are able to contribute during this time – I pray a prayer of thanksgiving each time I check our locked mailbox outside of the office to find your generous contributions, as well as the contributions we receive on Sundays. It is edifying to know you're still thinking of the church even if you're not yet comfortable attending Mass! It has allowed us to stay on top of our bills at this difficult time. We continue with our online Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for you to stay connected to the parish, and we will continue with the daily Gospel Reflections – a short video streaming weekdays at 9:00 a.m. offering a reflection on the daily readings. So once again a big thank you to all of you, and know that you continue to be in my prayers. - Fr. Dave

Sunday Mass Music

As you will recall, we usually reduce our schedule in the summer to 2 Sunday morning Masses. However, this year we have stayed with 3 Sunday morning Masses to avoid hitting our capacity of 150 as per COVID-19 regulations. I would hate to have to lock the doors, so I'm happy to offer that 3rd

Mass to allow everyone wanting to come to Mass to be able to attend. As far as music goes, our musicians look forward to a bit of a break in the summer, so we have decided to designate the 10:00 a.m. Mass as a 'quiet' Mass this summer – in other words, the 10:00 a.m. won't have music. We will still have music at the other Masses (most Sundays), so just be aware of this temporary change during these anything-but-normal times!

10:30 a.m. Choir – Instrumentalist

Flowing from the last announcement about there being no music at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this summer, we are still looking for an instrumentalist to assist with our 10:30 a.m. choir for September. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Dave. We thank Susan Baus for her long time commitment to playing the piano/organ at the 10:30 a.m. Mass as she makes the difficult decision to step down. She will be greatly missed!

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.

First Communions

We will be rescheduling this year's First Communions for the fall, once we have a clearer picture of what things will look like at that time. However, if you have a child of First Communion age (graduating from Gr. 2 from a Catholic School this year, going into Gr. 3 in September) and you feel they are ready to receive the sacrament, let Father Dave know. We would be happy to celebrate a family First Communion at one of the Masses this summer. Your child can still celebrate with their class in the fall.

Confirmation 2020

If your child received the sacrament of Confirmation in February 2020 please contact the parish office. Confirmation Certificates are available for pick up after daily Mass on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (until 10:00 a.m.).

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.

Offertory Giving During this Time

If you are able at this time to drop off your envelopes in the mailbox outside of the parish office, that would be very helpful. We now have a secure, lockable mailbox for this purpose! You may also wish to begin making your offerings through pre-authorized giving (form available on the website). You can also make donations online with a credit card through the Diocesan portal which allows you to select 'Holy Cross Georgetown' as the beneficiary of your donation at:

https://hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund.

Thank you everybody for your continued generous support of the parish as we work to keep our bills paid!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- CANCELLED

Please note that our summer Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this year. We hope to see you back again next summer.

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Online Registration Now Available for Students in Kindergarten to Grade 12! The Halton Catholic District School Board is excited to announce that online registration is now available for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12! Online registration is the first step of the registration process, and takes about 20 minutes to complete. The second part of the registration process involves going to your home school to show required documents. Please note that at this time, our schools are closed as a result of the COVID-19 health situation. After registering, parents will be contacted to complete Part 2 of their child's registration after schools re-open. For more information about admission requirements and the registration process, visit t h e Board's website http://bit.ly/RegisterMyChildAtHCDSB

Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact Dr. Simone directly at 905-274-9239.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser for Sacre-Coeur Parish

Wondering what to do with your old electronics? Sacre-Coeur parish has a drop-off point for electronic recycling, and get paid for each item received. The heavier, the better! Every pound collected earns them money. Televisions (all kinds), computers, printers, batteries (all kinds), DVD or CD players, photocopier, telephones, stereos and amplifiers. Computer screens, cellular network equipment, electrical wires, computer accessories, ink cartridges, computer games and many more. For more information: Maryse Mallet Sinnis (mmalletsinnis@gmail.com). Or contact Jim Pickett at 289-839-0444 (voice or text). No appliances please.

Halton Alive - Inspire Hope Campaign

YOU can be part of spreading hope in our community. Sign up for an Act of Hope and we'll connect you to a resident who needs encouragement and hope in a long-term care facility. We have options for letter writing, phone calls, sidewalk chalking, mask making and other needs as they arise. Date: ongoing. Registration: www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehope or call/text Tawnya at 905-632-3232. Details: specific times, locations, instructions and idea suggestions for each act of hope will be provided after you sign up.

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