



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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*Established as a Parish in the  
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

## 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

Father David Walter, Pastor  
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary  
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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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

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905-877-1176  
Michele Meitz, Co-President  
416-505-4354

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Date	Time	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 29 Lent 5	9:00 a.m. <del>10:30 a.m.</del> <del>12 noon</del>	<i>LIVE STREAM</i> - Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45)	
MONDAY, March 30		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 31	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Numbers 21.4-9; John 8.21-30) † Jose Pacheco & Manuel Pacheco	
	7:30 p.m.		<i>9am Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</i>
WEDNESDAY, April 1	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8.31-42) † Lois Pratter	
	7:30 p.m.		<i>5pm Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled</i>
THURSDAY, April 2	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Genesis 17.3-9; John 8.51-59) † Alice Campbell	
	7:30 p.m.		<i>10:30am Choir Rhrl - Cancelled</i>
FRIDAY, April 3	9:00 a.m.	<i>Private</i> Daily Mass (Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13; John 10.31-42) † Richard Valere, Lina & Monty deMontbrun † Mike Graziani † Kata Babic † Dorothy Cummings	
SATURDAY, April 4	5:00 p.m.	<i>Private</i> Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Walter Chabot; deceased members of the Curley & McElroy families; Andrea Lanzarotta; Dario Medina; St. Anthony in thanksgiving. Intentions of the Ellard Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parish.

### COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • March 15	\$ 3,476.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 175	
Average envelope donation – \$17.89	
Building Fund	\$ 322.00
Regular Collection • March 15 Pre-Auth	\$ 6,718.75
Total number of regular envelopes – 83	
Average envelope donation – \$15.88	
Building Fund	\$ 1,981.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 12,497.75</b>

### The Diocese/Parish Response to the COVID-19

#### Situation

Out of an abundance of caution, the parish has effectively been shut down until further notice as we cooperate in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes all Masses, meetings and devotions such as Adoration and Stations of the Cross. We have also unfortunately been directed to keep the doors of the church locked, meaning we are unable to have it open for private prayer. Bishop Crosby has publicly given a dispensation to all of the faithful from your Sunday obligation to attend Mass, so be at peace knowing that it is not sinful to stay home during these uncertain times.

### Stay Connected with Holy Cross Online

During this time of church closure, stay tuned to one or all of our various online channels of communication. Our website, as well as addresses for our Twitter and Facebook feed are listed on the front page of this bulletin. We will update these channels frequently during this time.

### Livestream of the Mass from Holy Cross

Fr. Dave will be livestreaming the Mass each Sunday at 9am on Facebook Live. The video will be saved and remain online after the live broadcast in case you missed it. Check our online channels for further information on how to access this online video source. You can find the daily Mass broadcast from several sources, but in particular from Toronto on various TV channels, and online at [dailytvmass.com](http://dailytvmass.com).

### Mass Intentions

Fr. Dave will be celebrating a private Mass each day, and will be offering the scheduled intentions as listed in the bulletin. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot have public participation in these Masses. If you wish to reschedule your already scheduled intention, please contact the office.

### 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 were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen.**

### Sacrament of the Sick

Newly implemented policies at hospitals and long-term care facilities in Ontario have restricted visitors in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes clergy, no exceptions. It breaks our hearts as priests, but unfortunately we will be unable to offer the Last Rites to the dying in these facilities as we are not allowed to visit health care institutions until further notice. We confidently rely on the mercy of God in these times, knowing that he doesn't abandon us during our time of need. Be at peace knowing that your loved ones are in God's compassionate hands, and Pope Francis has issued a Plenary Indulgence for those in this situation during this pandemic.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is always a popular time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive God's mercy. However, like everything else, we are unable to schedule confessions at this time. Fortunately, Canon Law provides for this situation - when you desire the sacrament, but you are unable to receive it. Make an **examination of conscience** as usual, **sincerely confess your sins to God**, and make an **Act of Contrition** with the **resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible** once it is again available, and you will immediately return to a state of grace with God. It's not your fault that you are unable to make your confession - God will provide!

### Offertory Giving During this Time

I hate having to talk about money when we have so many other concerns at this moment, but the parish bills continue to come in even though our offertory collections have dried up. 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. You may also wish to

begin making your offerings through pre-authorized giving (forms 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!

### Easter Basket Brigade

We were looking forward to participating again this year in the 'Easter Basket Brigade' to collect food for those in need during the Easter season. Since we are unable to have our doors open to act as a collection point for food which we had planned for this weekend, we are asking that for those willing to help to make a donation and place it in an envelope marked 'Easter Basket Brigade', and place it in the parish mailbox outside of the office door (which will be checked frequently).

### **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

The clock is ticking . . . time is running out! Get your application ready now to apply for the Catholic Women's League/Knights of Columbus high school bursary for \$1000! Download the application information from Holy Cross Church website. The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **CEMETERY WINTER WREATH REMOVAL**

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton reminds all families that winter decoration including wreaths on stands must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup> to facilitate the Spring cleanup. Wreaths remaining after April 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff. For further information, please contact your local cemetery office.

### **CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

### **THE 10:30 a.m. CHOIR IS SEEKING A PIANIST**

After many dedicated years of leading the 10:30 a.m. Choir, Susan Baus will be stepping down from that role following Easter. We thank Susan for her years of service! At the same time, we are looking for someone to step-up to fill the void. If you play the piano (organ, or any instrument for that matter) we need your help! Please talk to Father by calling the office, or sending him an email at [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com).

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