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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

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 905-702-8001

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, May 17 Easter 6	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	LIVE STREAM Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Acts 8.5-8; 1 Peter 3.15-18; John 14.15-21)	
MONDAY, May 18	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 16.11-15; John 15.26 – 16.4a) (I) of all those affected by COVID 19	
TUESDAY, May 19	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 16.22-34; John 16.5-11) † Jerry Waskalik	
WEDNESDAY, May 20	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 17.15, 22 – 18.1-6; John 16.12-15.1-8) † Tony & Manuela Silva	
THURSDAY, May 21	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 18.1-8; John 16.16-20) † Francesco Vallecoccia	
FRIDAY, May 22	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 18.9-18; John 16.20-23a) † Jean Falzon † John & Jeremiah deOliveira (I) Kathy Moulton (I) Priests and Deacons of Hamilton Diocese	
SATURDAY, May 23	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Vigil Mass – The Ascension of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Robert Moss; Francisco Frial; Gordon Hart; Clayton Basha; Matthew “Mickey” Sobon; Frank Vieira.	This week’s Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parish.

From the Pastor’s Desk

We have just completed our 2nd month of quarantine. It’s amazing how things have changed in the past 8 weeks. There does seem to be some positive news coming out about curbing the infection rate, but we are still called to be vigilant. Many of you have asked when we can open the church again and my answer is, unfortunately, ‘I don’t know’. We wait patiently for the government to give us further direction. As it stands, public gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited. We expect at some point that number to be increased, but until that happens we are not able to discuss reopening. My best guess would be the end of June, but even then it will be a phased in process – perhaps a 50 person limit with social distancing observed in the church - but that is merely my own personal speculation at this point. As soon as we are able, plans will be made to accommodate. Having said all of that, we won’t do anything that would put the health of our parishioners in jeopardy. In the mean time we will continue to broadcast the Mass, the Rosary and weekly Holy Hour online. We can’t gather in person, but we are still ‘one’ in worship as a parish community through being together in prayer at home. Be assured of my continued prayers for you, and I ask you to keep myself, Deacon Hayden and our parish in your prayers as well! – Fr. Dave

Parish and Office Closed Until Further Notice

The church and office remain closed until further notice. We take our cues from Public Health officials, and patiently await their permission to re-open our doors. In the meantime, voice messages and emails are checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

Daily Rosary – Every Day at 9:35 a.m.

During the month of May, we will be live streaming the Rosary following our daily Masses at 9:35 a.m. Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to pray the rosary daily in this time of pandemic, and what a blessing it is to be able to pray together ‘virtually’ through the internet. The live stream can be found at the same link used for the Mass, and will also be saved for viewing anytime at your convenience.

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 9:00 a.m. on Facebook Live

([facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown/live](https://www.facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown/live)). You do not need a Facebook account to view. He will also be livestreaming weekday Masses at 9:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday when he can. The video of the livestream will also be saved and remain online after the broadcast in case you missed it. You can also find the daily Mass broadcast from several sources, but in particular from Toronto on various TV channels, and online at dailytvmass.com.

Holy Hour – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

For the duration of this time of quarantine, we will be live streaming on our Facebook page a Holy Hour each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for the intention of an end to this pandemic. Following the example of our Lord who asked his apostles to join him for a time of prayer on Holy Thursday, we will use these Thursday evenings as a time of prayer with our Lord. Prayer intentions during this hour may be left in the comment section of the Facebook feed so that we all may pray together for all of our intentions during this powerful hour of intercession.

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.

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 their desire to receive the sacraments even when they are unable to do so is known to our merciful Lord!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is such a beautiful gift that our Lord has given us to receive His 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!

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!

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 the Board's website at: <http://bit.ly/RegisterMyChildAtHCDSB>

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