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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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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, May 3 Easter 4	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	LIVE STREAM Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Acts 2.14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2.20b-25; John 10.1-10)	
MONDAY, May 4	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 11.1-18; John 10.11-18) Int. of all those affected by COVID 19	
TUESDAY, May 5	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 11.19-26; John 10.22-30) † Joseph William McKenna	
WEDNESDAY, May 6	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (2 Timothy 4.1-5; John 10.11-16) † Dec. members of Busija & Banda Families	
THURSDAY, May 7	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 13.13-25; John 13.16-20) † Jose & Ilda DeMelo	
FRIDAY, May 8	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Daily Mass (Acts 13.26-33; John 14.1-6) † Frank Kolodziej † Marica Bukovcan † Jerry Waskalik † Cleofe, Consuelo & Tomas Funtanilla	
SATURDAY, May 9	9:00 a.m.	PRIVATE Vigil Mass - Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Nellie Stoyles; Joe Esteireiro; Wayne Cudmore; Shannon Hope; Richard Bowskill; Gladys Smyth.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

From the Pastor's Desk

Unbelievably, we now enter our 8th week of quarantine, and are coming up on 2 months without public Masses. It has been tough for me, as I am sure it has been for you as well. Every morning as I swipe away my calendar notifications of things that were previously scheduled for that day, I use that as a moment to pray for those that I would have encountered. For those in our schools, senior's homes, the hospital, parish groups that would have been meeting, those that I would have celebrated the sacraments with, appointments for various purposes, and special events that would have taken place that day. It has in a way been a positive experience in that it gives me time to pray in a more intentional way for the parish, and realize how very important our ministry is – something we don't always recognize when we're in the midst of just 'doing' a lot of worthwhile and important things. I can't wait until we can get 'back in business', but from a positive perspective I have been learning to appreciate the extra time available for prayer, which has been a great reminder that above all else the most important task we have every day of our lives is to grow in our relationship with the Lord. – 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.

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 ([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 9am 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.

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.*

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!

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!

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 Picket at 289-839-0444 (voice or text). **No appliances please.**

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