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## 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

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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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 11 Ordinary 28	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22.1-14) <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, October 12 Thanksgiving Day	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Galatians 4.22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5.1; Luke 11.29-32) (I) Holy Cross Parish	
TUESDAY, October 13	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Galatians 5.1-6; Luke 11.37-41) † Aura De Dierks	
WEDNESDAY, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Galatians 5.18-25; Luke 11.42-46) (I) Mary Tucker - 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	
THURSDAY, October 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 1.1-10; Luke 11.47-54) (I) Georgette Milliere	
FRIDAY, October 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 1.11-14; Luke 12.1-7) † Theresa Scholz † Nancy Kerin † Beth Milligan (I) Geoff & Andria Freeman	
SATURDAY, October 17	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Andrew Syme; Barb Bruce; Maria Martinho; Agostinho & Isabel Faria & Antonio & Constantina Branco; Mario Pereira; Jim Kavanagh; Erminia Sorgini.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for all Souls in Purgatory.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving! Despite having to live through this time of pandemic, we have a lot to be thankful for. We take time this weekend to count our many blessings, and give thanks to God for it all. As we take stock of all that we have to be thankful for, it also gives us perspective – it gives us a perspective during this difficult time in history to realize that we have been blessed in many ways, and there is always light in the darkness. Let us all resolve to give thanks every day – even in the storms of life – to help us stay hopeful, knowing that behind everything is a loving God who guides us along this journey of life.

Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

### A Thank You To You!

On this Thanksgiving weekend, I also want to extend a big 'thank you' to all of you! I thank you so much for supporting the parish during this difficult time, especially during the 4-months of shutdown. Our revenue is down about 30% from the same period last year, but your continued financial support has helped us to keep up with our bills as we also do our part by keeping expenses to a minimum. Thank you again for your continued generosity! - Fr. Dave

### Combined Special Collection – October 17/18

During the period of shutdown, a number of special collections were missed, including: *Share Lent; Pope's Pastoral Works; Holy Land (Good Friday); Cura Pastorum Association (Care of Retired Priests); Needs of the Church in Canada; and World Mission Sunday.* To help provide for the needs of these worthy causes, a special collection will be received next weekend, the proceeds of which will be divided amongst those charities. Envelopes for this special collection will be distributed this weekend to be returned next weekend.

### Food Drive – October 24/25

On the weekend of October 24/25, the CWL and Knights of Columbus have organized a food drive at the parish in support of the Georgetown Breadbasket Food Bank. Bags will be distributed next weekend (Oct 17/18) with a list of items that are in need. You may return food donations to the church on the weekend of October 24/25 which will be delivered to the Food bank following the weekend Masses.

### 10:30 a.m. Choir – Instrumentalist

We are still looking for an instrumentalist to assist with our 10:30 a.m. choir. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Dave.

**Mass Attendance Statistics**

For your information, here are the statistics for average Sunday Mass attendance since the beginning of September:

- 5:00pm – 144
- 7:30am – 61 (no music)
- 9:00am – 85
- 10:30am – 124
- 12:00pm – 142
- TOTAL - 555

For those wanting to come to Mass but are worried about the crowds, the 7:30am & 9:00am are a good option, as are weekday Masses that average between 50-60 people. Our in-church capacity with protocols in place is 150. We also have overflow capacity in the Parish Centre with a camera feed for about 50 people in case we need it, or for those that just feel more comfortable being away from the main crowd in the church. As a comparison, when we did an attendance count in September of 2019, we counted 1337. This decrease is of course understandable given our current circumstances, and we continue to offer the Mass online each Sunday which is averaging between 400-500 views each week, so even if you're not at church, we know you're still out there! We offer these numbers and analysis for your information as many have been asking 'where we're at'. We are happy that you are staying connected to the parish in-person or online, and look forward to the day when we are all able to gather again together as a parish community!

**Printed Bulletin**

We are making an exception this week by offering this printed bulletin as we are handing it out with the special collection envelopes attached. Going forward, as to eliminate as many touch points as possible, the bulletin will be published online only. To be added to the bulletin email list, send a message to [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Online Sunday Mass Now Available on Youtube**

Until last week, you were able to view the parish Facebook page without having a Facebook account. It seems that Facebook has changed the rules, and now requires you to have an account to view content on their platform. So, for those of you without Facebook accounts, we will start posting our content to Youtube in addition to Facebook. Our Youtube channel doesn't have an easy link, so it's best to follow the link from our parish website, or search 'Holy Cross Parish Georgetown' in the Youtube search box to find us. We of course will continue on Facebook as well at: [www.facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown](https://www.facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown)

**Wearing of Face Masks and Social Distancing Protocols**

As time draws on, we have noticed that we are starting to get a bit complacent with the protocols. Just be reminded that

face masks are required to be worn indoors at the church, **with the mask covering both your nose and your mouth**. Let's also keep in mind the 6ft distance, and sanitizing of our hands as we enter and exit. As long as we stay vigilant, we should stay safe!

**Volunteers Needed – Ushers and Cleaners**

With added Masses comes more work – but that's a good problem to have! We can always use help with ushering and cleaning at all Masses, and if you are an early bird and plan to attend the 7:30 a.m. we can definitely use your help! If you are available to offer your services this fall as a volunteer in one or both of these capacities, please send Fr. Dave an email at [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com) Many hands make light work!

**Halton Alive Gala-In-A-Box October 16, 2020**

This year the Gala comes to you! Your Gala-in-a-box is assembled with care & filled with fun items to create an at-home Gala experience. Join us for the live, virtual event featuring your favourite silent auction, candy raffle, prizes, entertainment and more. Order your Gala-in-a-Box for individuals \$50 or couples \$75. Proceeds support the work and mission of Halton Alive in the local community. Visit [www.haltonalive.ca/gala](http://www.haltonalive.ca/gala) or call 905-632-3232 for more info.

**Have You Moved Recently or Changed your Contact Info?**

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers or email address in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

**GFORCe2 Announcement**

Thank you so much for the wonderful support that you have given to GFORCe2 over the last five years.

Elias and Mirna Hajjar have been living in Georgetown for just over a year, and Elias' parents, Salim and Ibtesam, have been here since February. They are wonderful people, with whom we have all become very friendly. They are very happy here.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has meant that Elias has not been able to return to his previous employment and he has been unable to find other work in his field. As a result, they have decided to move to Montreal. They have many relatives there, who are anxious to help them and have already enabled them to find two apartments close to one another for less than the price they've been paying for the house in Georgetown.

We will all be very sad to see them leave Georgetown, but they go with our blessing. We will always stay in touch with them and wish them a very successful future in Montreal. GFORCe2 thanks our clergy and church community for the financial, social and moral support extended to the Hajjar family which has enabled them to build a new life in Canada, a country they proudly call "home".

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