



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.  
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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)

### Catholic Women's League

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905-702-8001

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 18 Ordinary 19	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 45.1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab; Matthew 22.15-21) <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, October 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 2.1-10; Luke 12.13-21) (I) Mary Blackmore	
TUESDAY, October 20	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 2.12-22; Luke 12.35-38) (I) Patricia McGuinness	
WEDNESDAY, October 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 3.1-12; Luke 12.39-48) † Joseph Bilik	
THURSDAY, October 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 3.13-21; Luke 12.49-53) † Amador & Adalaide Martins	
FRIDAY, October 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ephesians 4.1-6; Luke 12.54-59) † Danuta & Luke Bielewicz † Ricardo Reyes Jr. † Genoveva de Barsallo † Juraj, Mara & George Sebalj (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
SATURDAY, October 24	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Theresa Scholz; Amalia McKechnie; Imelda Darwish; Steve Bodnar & deceased members of the Bodnar Family; Fred Marks; Cameron Butler	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of our families and friends.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

The parish continues to roll along, and we continue to do what we are able to do. Regular Masses, baptisms, 1<sup>st</sup> Communions, Weddings and Funerals are keeping us remarkably busy despite the pandemic restrictions! We are also starting our RCIA program (via Zoom video conference meetings) with 5 candidates who will be exploring the Catholic faith. Keep them in your prayers as we look to Easter of 2021 to receive them fully into the faith!

It is encouraging that parish life continues, but we can't help but notice the news that the COVID case numbers keep creeping up each day. Know that we continue to take seriously our responsibility to keep everyone safe, and we remain vigilant with our protocols – mandatory wearing of masks; social distancing; hand sanitizing; and disinfecting of pews, door handles and washrooms following every Mass or gathering. We are open for worship, but have also temporarily ceased all in-person meetings where the risk of spread is greater. Proactively, we continue to add content daily to our Facebook and Youtube pages to keep you all connected, whether you're comfortable attending in person or not. We will keep doing this until this time of pandemic is well within

our rear view mirror. Most importantly, we are keeping everyone in prayer, and ask for your prayers as well! Have a good week everyone! – 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 this weekend, the proceeds of which will be divided amongst those charities.

### **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 are being distributed this 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.

### **Mass Attendance Statistics**

OCTOBER 18, 2020

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!

#### 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](http://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!

#### Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children

We are still taking items for Dr. Simone's Mississauga warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. **PLEASE NOTE: Dr. Simone no longer takes car seats.** If you have any questions about what is acceptable contact Dr. Simone directly at 905-274-9239.

#### 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!

#### 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.*

#### Religious Instruction for Public School Students

Parents of children enrolled in **Public** or **Private** schools are invited to enroll them in our parish's religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child's reception of the sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office.

#### 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.

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