

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 Noon \sim 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. \sim 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. \sim 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

Catholic Women's League

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

Knights of Columbus

Michael Simpson, Grand Knight michael.simpson@cogeco.ca

Prayer Network

Katie 416-433-4324

Christ the King Secondary

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Holy Cross School 905-877-4451 Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 3 Ordinary 27	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, October 4		No Mass	
TUESDAY, October 5	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ∜ Len Walter	
WEDNESDAY October 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Bartolomeo Vallecoccia	
THURSDAY, October 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Wendy & Richard Valere & dec. family members	
FRIDAY, October 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Glenn Anderson † Christine Biggs † Ivan Page † Antonia Galea (I) Personal Intentions	
SATURDAY, October 9	10:00 a.m.	Mass for Vocations	
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-eighthSunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Deceased Members of the Beaton, Nolan & Kilby Families; Argentino DiNunzio; Joseph & Modesta Refalo; Lucena & Lauro Bunalag; Slavko Romic & Peter Hrkac; Mike DiRenzo	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

From the Pastor's Desk

It's hard to believe that October is upon us! We carry on in our efforts to 'catch up' on many of the sacramental celebrations that were missed during the spring lockdown including Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Marriages. A big thank you to all of our volunteers! We also observe 'Respect Life Month' this weekend as we work to draw awareness to pro-life issues in our region and in our country, and we continue to encourage generosity for our Thanksgiving Food Drive which is always a big help for the Georgetown Breadbasket Food Bank. I continue to keep everyone in my prayers, and I continue to ask for your prayers for the parish as well!

Respect Life Weekend - Halton Alive

October 2-3, 2021 is Respect Life Weekend. As Christians, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. How can you celebrate Respect Life Weekend? Pray over life issues at The Gathering - Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 9:30-10:30am www.haltonalive.ca/thegathering; Pick up our Respect Life postcard at your church or check for it on the church website; Donate to pro-life education or get

involved in Halton Alive's programs; Find out if there is a Life Team at your church and get involved! Connect with us! 905-632-3232 or info@haltonalive.com or www.haltonalive.ca

Roses for Life

This Sunday the Knights of Columbus will have Roses for Life lapel stickers available for a donation at the back of the church. Donations will be used to support pro-life organizations. The lapel sticker has been redesigned this year with the red rose symbolizing opposition to abortion, while the white rose symbolizes our opposition to euthanasia. Let's continue our work to foster a culture of life in our country!

Life Chain Sunday

Please join us for our 33nd annual <u>Life Chain on Sunday, Oct.</u> <u>3rd, 2021.</u> This is a peaceful, prayerful, silent pro-life one hour long witness for the unborn in our community. Join thousands of pro-lifers across North America as we make a one hour visual statement of solidarity to end abortion and honour the lives of over 54 million children lost to abortion. Stand for those without a voice! <u>Meet at Trafalgar Rd and Dundas St (SE corner) in Oakville from 2:30 - 3:30pm on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.</u> For more info. contact Anthony Danko at 289-772-8822.

Mass for Vocations

Next Saturday, October 9 at 10:00am, we will be hosting a Mass for Vocations here at Holy Cross parish. All are welcome! We are honoured to welcome our diocesan Vocations Director, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, who will be the celebrant. We also welcome members of the Halton Serra Club who have organized this Mass. The Serra Club is an international organization that promotes, supports and prays for vocations to priesthood and religious life. For mor information on Serra, you may visit www.serracanada.com

From the Diocese - COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Georgetown Bread Basket needs our help! Holy Cross Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive! Bags with a list of needed non-perishable items are still available this weekend. Please return your donations to the Church on Thanksgiving weekend October 9-10. All donations will be taken to the Georgetown Bread Basket after the noon Mass on October 10.

Printed Bulletins

Due to changing COVID protocols which take into account new evidence that touch points are not a significant infection risk, we will once again be offering a printed bulletin at Sunday Masses. We will also continue to send out bulletins via email to those who wish to receive them electronically.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website canadianfoodforchildren.net

Baptism Prep Team Volunteers Needed

Our Baptism Prep Team is looking for new members to help Father Dave with the celebration of baptism. Volunteers arrive before the baptism celebration to help set up for baptism and direct the families during the baptism. Please contact Father Dave or the parish office for more details.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Worldwide Marriage Encounge Experience

Join us for a Virtual/Online weekend - October 22-24. Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact Marge & Gerard McCauley at 905-792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com or visit the website wwme.org

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option — visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

Links2Care

Need help bathing? Links2care offers free PSW help for Halton Hills seniors and adults with disabilities. Contact 905-873-6502 or email info@links2care.ca

Religious Instruction for Public School

Parents of children enrolled in <u>Public</u> or <u>Private</u> 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.

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