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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

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

Prayer Network

Katie 416-433-4324

Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

Christ the King Secondary

905-702-8838

Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

Knights of Columbus

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

Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 31 <i>Ordinary 31</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, November 1		No Mass	
TUESDAY, November 2 <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Indigenous Children	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Ron Hulme	
WEDNESDAY November 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Manuel & Angelina Medeiros	
THURSDAY, November 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † All Souls in Purgatory	
FRIDAY, November 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kata Babic † Joan Rutherford † Jean & Howard Robinson † Antonia Galea † Ivan & Ljubica Babic	
SATURDAY, November 6	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Francesco Ciraco; Glenn Anderson; Len Walter; Jose & Maria Armanda Tavares; deceased members of the Varricchio & Cosentino families; Souls in Purgatory.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for All Souls in Purgatory.

From the Pastor's Desk – All Souls Day

With November upon us our liturgical year begins to wind down and our daily readings for Mass begin to remind us of the 'Last Things'. We are reminded that our life here on this earth is for a short time but eternity is forever, and the readings lead us to reflect in a particular way on the hope we have in Christ for eternal life! Tuesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day, and we will have two Masses on this day at 9am & 7pm to give as many people as possible the opportunity to pray for their deceased loved ones. Join us on Tuesday for this important day in the Church calendar!

Sunday Smile

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." -- George Burns

Health Committee Update

As pandemic restrictions begin to ease, the Holy Cross Health & Wellness Committee looks forward to resuming services safely and gradually to support health and wellness of parishioners of all ages. As a first step, we'd like to confirm

our Committee membership, inviting anyone interested in joining or finding out more about our Committee to contact the office 905-873-1887 or by email at holycrossgeorgetown@hamiltondiocese.com Likewise, if there are any registered nurses who are interested in the Committee, helping with various activities and/or the role of the parish nurse, please also let the office know so follow-up can be scheduled.

We're also looking forward to phasing in various activities like health-related webinars, starting in November, and the annual Memorial Mass on December 4th. Details to be provided in future bulletins and on the Holy Cross parish website. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all have gone through this pandemic...together!

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.

One Heart, One Soul Campaign - UPDATE

Another big thank you to everyone who has been contributing to our *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign! We currently have \$485,000 pledged which will be collected over a 3-year window of giving. And, further good news, we have just completed our first project with funds raised! We have replaced all our old halogen lights in the parking lot and around the church to new, energy-efficient LED fixtures. The lighting levels have improved dramatically, and we expect to achieve a 75% reduction in energy usage! The project should pay for itself in 4-5 years of reduced electricity bills. We look forward to putting the rest of the funds to good use by investing in further maintenance projects for the church (air conditioning, sound system, etc.), and once COVID restrictions have lifted, the hiring of a Pastoral Minister to help build up our faith-based programming at the parish. If you haven't yet contributed but would like to, it's not too late! You can pick up a package at the office, or visit: www.onehearttonesoul.ca

Thank You!

The Georgetown Bread Basket would like to offer our sincere thanks for the generosity of the Holy Cross Parish Community for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The GBB received 360 bags totaling 7200 pounds of much needed food items that will sustain the needy in our community. Thanks to Father Dave, the CWL and the Knights for organizing, collecting and delivering the food that will sustain the GBB into early December. Holy Cross has always been so supportive to 200 plus families in Georgetown that require our service.

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.

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!

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

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.

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.

Community Unity Halton Hills Fall Yard Clean Up

With the autumn season upon us it is time for the CUHH annual Fall Clean Up. We have identified homes which are in need of leaf raking and simple yard tidying and are looking for families to volunteer. If your family would like to be part of a Family Raking Group please contact Celia Stokoe for details at cuhhholycross@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation.

Bid online to Win

The Rotary Club of Georgetown, working in partnership with other Rotary clubs in surrounding communities, is holding an online auction from November 6th - 20th. There are over 1000 items available for your bidding, from electronics, fashion, hardware, hobbies, household appliances, restaurant gift cards, home décor, services, sports, and much more...are all listed at - www.rotaryonlineauction.ca We have been helping people in our community for over 65 years. A few of the many organizations we support include Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, Georgetown Hospital, Food4Kids, Georgetown Breadbasket, Halton Women's Place, and Links2Care. All proceeds from the auction support humanitarian projects and charities within our local communities and worldwide. Please help us help others. Nov 6 – 20 www.rotaryonlineauction.ca

Queen of Apostles Healing Retreat

Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Healing Retreat - Journey through the challenges of living and dealing with cancer. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Cost \$40 per person. Call 905-278-5229 or email office@qoa.ca

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