



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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*Established as a Parish in the  
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:00 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\*\*  
(\*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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 17 Ordinary 24	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, September 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
TUESDAY, September 19	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Matthew Boulanger	
WEDNESDAY, September 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Deguara Family	
THURSDAY, September 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Lawrence Puddester	
FRIDAY, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Vincenza Cosentino † Charles & Elizabeth Pierce † Sylvia Baczynski (I) Patti Birk	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, September 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Fr. Roman Galadza	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jean Falzon; Pat & Paula Canavan & deceased members of the Gilmore Family; Doug Hartley; Cynthia Tobin; Diomedes Madera.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rod Cushing.

### From the Pastor's Desk

Peter asks Jesus in today's gospel, "How often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus answers, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times!" In other words, we can never stop forgiving those who have wronged us, no matter how hard it may be. Why? Because this is how God forgives us of our sins. He never stops showing mercy, no matter how far we may have strayed from him. Nobody said it will be easy, but he asks us to do the same, in imitation of his infinite mercy toward us.

### Quote of the Week

"The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, but that's normal, because a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows." — *Pope Francis*

### Sunday Smile

Did you know that 90% of bald men still own a comb? They just can't part with it.

### Mission Appeal

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Charles Collins, a priest of the Diocese of Jaffna in Sri Lanka. He will be joining us for our annual mission appeal to speak to us about his home diocese

of Jaffna and the material needs that they have. Envelopes will be available with the bulletin next weekend if you wish to offer your support!

### Friday Morning Adoration

We have Adoration every Friday morning from 9:30am (after Mass) until 12:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available for parishioners to commit to a timeslot so that someone is always present during this time.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

This year we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If your child is in grade 7 and in one of our parish schools, they will receive a letter with further details and information on how to register through their classroom. If your child is not attending one of our parish schools and is of age for Confirmation, please contact the parish office for more information.

### Children's Liturgy Is Back!

We are happy to announce that Children's Liturgy has restarted at our 9am and 10:30am Masses. All young children are welcome! We will send them off at the beginning of Mass,

and they will return to be with their families at the Offertory. If you are interested in volunteering as a Children's Liturgy leader, please contact the parish office to start the Volunteer Screening process.

### **CWL News**

The September General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in Cote Hall, after the 7pm Mass. Those wishing to pay their 2023 membership fee may do so at this meeting. If preferred, you may drop your fee in the locked box in the narthex of the church. Please use a plain envelope, clearly mark CWL on the front and include your name, phone number and email address with your payment. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

### **KofC and CWL Food Drive**

The demand for food at the Georgetown Bread Basket is ever increasing and there is a great need for the Thanksgiving weekend. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are organizing a Food Drive to deliver the food to the food bank prior to the Thanksgiving weekend. The blue bags with a listing of required items will be available at all Masses on September 16/17 and September 23/24. The returned bags will be delivered to the food bank on Sunday, October 1st after the noon Mass. In addition, there will be an offering box in the narthex on both weekends for cash donations.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **September is Arthritis Awareness Month**

According to Arthritis Society of Canada, 1 in 5 Canadians live with the pain of arthritis, 55% of people with arthritis are under 65, and children get arthritis too. People living with arthritis can experience debilitating and painful periods known as flares which also have a significant mental health impact. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes 5 strategies for managing arthritis and its symptoms: 1. Learn new self-management skills; 2. Be active; 3. Talk to your doctor; 4. Manage your weight; 5. Protect your joints. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov> for more information.

### **Good Shepherd Atrium Registration**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 12, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Weekly (1.5 to 2 hours) sessions run from October

to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in September/October 2023. For more information, please contact the parish office.

### **GFORCe3 Supporting Afghan Families**

GFORCe3 (Georgetown Friends of Refugees Committee 3) is thrilled to announce that the first of our two Afghan refugee families is expected to arrive in Canada in October 2023. GFORCe3 will continue to provide financial and moral support to the second family, who are still in hiding while they await their immigration process and documentation. These two families are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to live safely in Canada. We will now help our Afghan friends find accommodation and jobs. GFORCe3 thanks the many, kind hearted people in our town for their financial and moral support. You are all amazing! Other than indigenous peoples, our ancestors have all been immigrants to Canada at one point in time. Here's to our own brave families, from generations ago or more recently, who took the leap to create a bright future in Canada for their families. Lucky us!!

### **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

### **Challenge Girls & Conquest Boys Clubs**

Challenge and Conquest clubs offer Catholic Youth Ministry programming for kids in grade 1-12. Kids are given opportunities to discover and love their Catholic faith, live Christian virtues, and make a positive impact in the world around them. They are programs designed to instill virtue, develop character, encourage spiritual growth through sports and dynamic activities offered at weekly meetings and through apostolic service projects. Parent and youth involvement builds family and community bonds and provides leadership, mentorship, and service opportunities for youth and families. **The new Halton Hills chapters will offer:** Weekly meetings Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm (September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024) **Location:** St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School, Georgetown. Throughout the year there will be additional club events/excursions, retreats and community experiences offered to members. We will be holding an **information night for families on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 from 7pm-8 pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Georgetown.** If you require more information, please contact Michelle or Paul at [conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com](mailto:conquest.challenge.hh@gmail.com). To learn more about the national organization please visit [www.challengeyouthministry.com](http://www.challengeyouthministry.com) and [www.conquestyouthministry.com](http://www.conquestyouthministry.com)



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