

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse 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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 6 Ordinary 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Ezekiel 33.7-9; Romans 13.8-10; Matthew 18.15-20) (ON LINE at 9:00 a.m.)	Please note regular Mass times resume next Sunday, September 13.
MONDAY, September 7		No Mass	
TUESDAY, September 8 Nativity of the B.V.M.	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 1.1-16, 18.23) † Barb Bruce	
WEDNESDAY, September 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Corinthians 7.1, 17, 25-31; Luke 6.20-26)	
THURSDAY, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Corinthians 8.1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6.27-38) (I) Geoff & Andria Freeman	
FRIDAY, September 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Corinthians 9.16-29, 22b-27; Luke 6.39-42) † Frank Kolodziej † Nevenka Rici (I) Lescak Family (I) John Cocciardi	
SATURDAY, September 12	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Terry McGuinness; Delia & Kevin Soares; Paula & Pat Canavan; Amelia & Eugenio Paiva; Eugene Curley; Steve Bodnar.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

From the Pastor's Desk

Where did the summer go? Time really does fly! As we hit Labour Day we now get ready for a new Pastoral Year, although things will look very different. We have learned a lot over the summer about operating during this pandemic, and will continue to do everything we can to keep everyone safe. We have learned that it doesn't take as long as we anticipated to sanitize the church after every Mass, so next weekend, we will be going back to the regular Mass schedule for Sunday morning of 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The last few weeks we have been hitting capacity in the church at Saturday 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. and have opened the Parish Centre with a camera feed as overflow for 50 additional people. We will continue to do this, and we will also be adding new Mass times to accommodate everyone as best we can so that we don't have to lock the doors. You will see more information in today's bulletin about this change. Please keep an eye on the website and on our social media feeds (Facebook and Twitter) to stay up-to-date on all parish happenings as we are not able at this time to publish a paper bulletin (to avoid unnecessary touch points).

Fall Mass Schedule

Starting the weekend after Labour Day (Sep 12/13) we will return to our usual Mass schedule. As well, due to capacity

limits, we will be adding a Mass at 7:30 a.m. to hopefully take the load off of the other weekend Masses as we would like to avoid the scenario where we are forced to lock the doors once we have hit capacity. So, starting next weekend, the Mass times will be:

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. (Music)

Sunday – 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Music at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon, but <u>No Music</u> at 7:30 a.m.)

Online Mass – will now begin streaming a <u>6:00 a.m.</u>, and will be available all day.

New Sunday 7:30am Mass Time!

To help with crowd numbers at our other Masses we will be adding a 7:30am Mass starting Sep 13th, which will remain in place for the duration of the pandemic capacity restrictions. We anticipate this will be a more lightly attended Mass, and encourage those that are still nervous about crowd sizes to consider attending this Mass. Also, there will be <u>no music</u> at the 7:30am Mass for those that are worried about potential virus spread that may come with singing. We are looking forward to starting the 'early bird' Mass this fall!

New Weekday Mass Time!

Now that we have the luxury of having 2 priests we are able to start offering more ministry! The first thing we will be doing is starting a **Monday** 9:00 a.m. morning Mass beginning after Labour Day. (Mon, Sept. 14 will be the first day). Holy Cross will now have a Mass every day of the week!

As well, with the added weekday Mass, if you are still nervous about Sunday crowds you may wish to consider joining us for a weekday Mass where there is lots of room to spread out!

Online Sunday Mass Continues

We are happy to be continuing with our online Sunday Mass for those who are still apprehensive about crowds. There will be a bit of a change in time however — we will begin to stream it at 6:00 a.m. You can still watch of course at 9:00 a.m., but it will become available for viewing beginning at 6:00 a.m., and then all day long for you to watch at your convenience. You will continue to find the Mass at: www.facebook.com/HCParishGeorgetown

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 Many hands make light work!

Bulletins

Although we are making an exception this week to make sure we get the new Mass times information to as many people as possible, we will not be publishing a paper bulletin for the duration of the pandemic to avoid unnecessary touch points. It will still be published online weekly, and pertinent information will be on our website, as well as our Facebook and Twitter feeds. If you would like the bulletin to be emailed to you each week, send an email to holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com requesting to be placed on the weekly mailing list.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open with limited office hours. We will be open for in person visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Voice messages and emails are still being checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

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.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2020-2021 school year. This is a one hour per day paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months.

St. Francis of Assisi 12:10 - 1:10 p.m. daily - contact Ms. Cheryl Nieuwendyk, school secretary, at 905-877-6928 for more information

St. Catherine of Alexandria 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily - contact Mr. Monaco (monacov@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (albanit@hcdsb.org)

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

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9th Annual HCCEF Charity Golf Classic/Virtual Beer Tasting

Since March this year, the need to financially assist HCDSB students and their families has grown by 475% over the same time last year, due to COVID-19. Many HCDSB families continue to struggle with basic necessities due to the COVID-19 crisis. We need your help, to continue to say "Yes" to supporting families with basic necessities ... to say "Yes we can help" to our neighbours in need. Golf for Students ... it's a fun day and you will help HCDSB students and families in need! Wednesday, September 30th at Piper's Heath Golf Club, Milton. For further information visit the HCCEF (Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation) website https://www.hccef.org/?post type=events&p=3504 All are welcome. Wanted: Golfers, Sponsors & Prizes.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this Fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Father Dave at the Parish Office. The process involves a weekly commitment to one hour sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

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