



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 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**  
Monday 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - Saturday 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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Katie 416-433-4324

### Christ the King Secondary

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### Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

### Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

### Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, April 12 Easter 2	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, April 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Holly Van Ravens Creighton	
TUESDAY, April 14	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Rehana Lobo	
WEDNESDAY, April 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Robert Brown	
THURSDAY, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Suzanne Raasch	
FRIDAY, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Domenic Tucci ✠ Jeanette Dodson ✠ Tommy Sara ✠ Oscar Pimiskern ✠ Deceased Members of the Ennett & Lynas Families (I) Todd Cowan	
SATURDAY, April 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Oscar Dsouza & Regina Dsouza	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Third Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Anton Skok; Stanley Faria & John Faria; Maria Da Cruz; Jose De Melo; Nancy Loch; Francis McConville.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Herminia Vieira.

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

Locked doors, fearful hearts, and uncertain futures—that's where the risen Jesus meets His disciples in John 20:19–31. He does not wait for them to be ready or courageous; He comes to them as they are and speaks the words they most need to hear: "Peace be with you." This passage reminds us that faith is not about having all the answers, but about encountering the living Christ—even in the midst of our questions and fears. The risen Lord still comes to us, offering peace, mercy, and the invitation to believe. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." May we be counted among them.

### **Quote of the Week**

"Love is repaid by love alone." — *St. Frances de Sales*

### **Sunday Smile**

My wife asked me if I had seen the dog bowl. I said, "No, I didn't even know he could."

### **Thank You Volunteers!**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who so generously gave of their time to make our Holy Week liturgies so prayerful and beautiful. From lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians to altar servers, ushers, sacristans, collection counters, and all who worked behind the scenes, your

dedication helped our community enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Your service is a true witness of faith and love. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

We will be hosting a Holy Hour starting at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a liturgy including the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will also be available during the Holy Hour. At three o'clock, Jesus revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska that this is "the hour of great mercy for the whole world," promising that He "will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion" (Diary, 1320).

### **Protect Mental Health, Protect Life — Support Bill C-218**

You are invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026. If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental

illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218

### **Prayer Shawl Meeting**

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

### **Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - Nov. 3-14, 2026**

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail [edgar@gateways-international.com](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com). Space is limited so register soon.

### **CWL NEWS**

**Membership Drive** - This weekend, April 11/12 and the weekend of April 25/26 is the CWL Membership Drive. Please stop by and see us!

**Mother's Day Tea** - On Sunday, May 3 from 1-3pm in Cote Hall. Enjoy an elegant afternoon tea together. Tickets are \$25 each and are available starting this weekend. There are only 75 tickets available so get yours soon. For more information contact Cathy Reitzel at 905-875-5962.

**General Council Meeting** - the next General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 after the 7:00pm Mass. This meeting is our annual baby shower for Shifra House.

### **Children's Liturgy Leaders Needed!**

We are in need of more leaders for our Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Children's Liturgy groups. If you are interested in volunteering as a Children's Liturgy leader, please contact the parish office to start the Volunteer Screening process.

### **Save the Dates!**

VBS at Holy Cross Church will be offering an exciting camp this summer from Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>! We begin at 9:00am and end at noon each day. If you are heading **into SK** in September all the way up to **staring Grade 4**, we invite you to come and explore Rome with us!! Our theme is: **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. Each day, your team will explore the Bible Room, Music Room, Creative Room, Activity

Room and Enjoy a snack break, too! On Friday, we culminate in a wonderful concert for family and friends to attend. Don't miss out on the fun as we learn about the love Jesus has for us through these activities! Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Patti at [birk@cogeco.ca](mailto:birk@cogeco.ca) for more information.

### **Seniors' Spring Social**

The Health and Wellness Committee warmly invites all seniors in our community to attend a **Spring Social** on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** in Cote Hall for a relaxing afternoon of friendship and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment provided by the Children's Choir, conducted by Lilly Muir, and a sing-along led by Kim Duke, Trish Hahnfeld, Pierre Arsenault, and Anne Kennedy. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to welcoming you and any family members who may be helping with your transportation to this special gathering!

### **CWL & KofC Annual Bursary**

This year, the *Holy Cross Catholic Women's League* and the *Georgetown Knights of Columbus* will each be offering a **\$1,000 bursary** — one for a female student and one for a male student. As outlined in the application instructions, submissions should be made through our Parish secretary **by May 25, 2026**. Recipients will then be selected from the applications received.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **April is Daffodil Month for People Fighting Cancer**

Help the Canadian Cancer Society fund life-saving research and compassionate support services to bring hope. For everyone facing cancer, and their loved ones, you can **Help Hope Bloom**. Daffodil Month donations will fuel world-leading cancer research, clinical trials to find better treatments, and a nationwide support system for those who need it. Cancer isn't one disease but more than 100. Depending on how cancers are classified, there may be more than 200 types. Our bodies are made up of trillions of cells that form tissues and organs. Genes inside the nucleus of each cell guide when it should grow, work, divide, and die. When genes mutate and don't function properly, cells that should be resting may begin to grow and divide uncontrollably, which can lead to cancer. For more information, visit [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) or [### \*\*Mother's Day Food Drive\*\*](http://www.cancer.ca/en/ways-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

The CWL and Knights of Columbus of the parish will be running a Mother's Day Food Drive to support the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank. Bags with a list of most needed items will be distributed on the weekends of April 18/19 and April 25/26. The bags will be delivered to the foodbank following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 3. Monetary donations will also be graciously accepted (*cheques made out to **the Georgetown Breadbasket***). Be generous if you can to help those in need in our community.

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