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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
EASTER SUNDAY, April 20	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, April 21		NO MASS	
TUESDAY, April 22	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) Frances & Frank Maurati	
WEDNESDAY, April 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 Juraj, Mara & George Sebalj	
THURSDAY, April 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass 🕆 John Medeiros	
FRIDAY, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † John & Jeremiah deOliveira † Katica Babic † Maria Brancatella † Savirippillai Asirvatham (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
SATURDAY, April 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Aura Yoraima Colmenares Ravelo & all souls in Purgatory	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Easter Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Bill Kent; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Katica Babic; Nelson Ponte; Palmira Cerullo; George, Isilda & Vitorino Gonsalves; Sheryl Dela Cruz; Maria da Costa.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Anton Skok.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter! This Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the glorious truth that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Through His resurrection, we are given new life, boundless hope, and the promise of eternal joy. Let this day be a celebration of victory—of light overcoming darkness, love conquering sin, and life triumphing over death. May your heart be filled with peace and your spirit lifted by the power of His grace. From our church family to yours, we wish you a blessed and joyful Easter!

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as He said." - Matthew 28:6

Quote of the Week

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." — St. John Paul II

Sunday Smile

We set out on an expedition to find out where the Easter Bunny lives. Unfortunately, it turns out that nobunny knows.

Easter Monday - NO MASS

So that Fr. Dave and Fr. Carlos can have some time to celebrate Easter with their families, please note that there will be no Mass on Easter Monday, April 21st.

Thank You!

A big thank you is in order to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week celebrations so meaningful, prayerful and beautiful! To our choirs, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, decorators, sacristans, and everyone else who has helped out in any way. THANK YOU!

Mother's Day Food Drive

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 and a shopping list of needed items will be distributed next weekend, April 26/27, and the food will be delivered to the foodbank following the Masses on May 4. 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:

VBS - Vacation Bible School - TRUE NORTH!

Your little ones will love this fun and faith-filled **Northern Adventure** where they will build friendships and experience *Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* This half-day camp is for children entering **Senior Kindergarten to Gr. 4** in the fall and will run **Mon. Aug. 11 to Fri. Aug. 15 from 9 am to 12 pm** at Holy Cross Parish hall. <u>REGISTRATION</u> will be after all Masses at Coffee/Timbits Sunday, **April 26-27** or contact the parish office. Space is limited...Don't miss out!

Pilgrimage to France in October 2025

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the shrines of France from October 27th to November 8th, 2025. Fr. Carlos Diaz will lead the pilgrimage highlighting Lourdes, Ars, Chartres, St. Michel, Lisieux, and Paris. For more information you can contact Liz Dachuk at Connaissance Travel and Tours: lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com or 416-291-2676, x 239

CWL & KofC Bursaries

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will each be awarding one (1) bursary in the amount of \$1000 to a graduating student (one female, one male) at Christ the King Secondary School. Notification of the bursary will be sent to the school's guidance counsellor. Applications will be made available on-line by a link to the Holy Cross Church website and hard copies will be available at the Holy Cross office. Applications are to be returned in hard copy form to Holy Cross Church office by mail or in person by May 19, 2025.

Thank you from Community Unity - EBB 2025

Thank you, Holy Cross, for a tremendous response with the Easter Basket Brigade. Your generosity has gone a long way to help families in need in our community. Special thanks goes to Fr. Dave, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, the drivers who helped with deliveries and all the children who made beautiful Easter cards for the families. Holy Cross has done their part to help Community Unity spread Jesus' Gospel message of love in action. May God continue to bless you and your families in this Easter season.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

It's time to celebrate His greatest miracle of all and be thankful for all that we have these days to help us live a healthy lifestyle in a caring community! Best wishes for a Blessed and happy Easter weekend with family and friends, from all your Holy Cross Health & Wellness Committee members.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Our Parish Nurse Candidate (Katie Kiss, RN) and other nurses from the parish will be holding a Blood Pressure

Clinic after all Sunday Masses on April 27. If you are an RN or RPN and would be willing to help, please contact Katie at 416-433-4324.

Seniors' Spring Social

The Health & Wellness Committee warmly invites all Seniors in our Parish to attend a "Spring Social" on Friday, May 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00pm in Cote Hall for an afternoon of relaxation and fellowship. Enjoy entertainment provided_by a Children's Choir conducted by Lilly Muir, a 'sing-along' led by Malcolm MacDonald, and by Kim Duke & Trish Hahnfeld. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking forward to seeing you and any family members who would bring you to and from the special gathering!

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Halton Alive Inspire Hope Flowers

Inspire Hope Flowers is a wonderful opportunity to give hope to our community. For those observing Lent, creating these flowers can be a meaningful act of sacrifice. For everyone, it's a chance to express kindness, charity, and love during the Easter season. To register visit www.haltonalive.ca/flowers and follow the directions. Make your paper flowers at your leisure and flower drop-off/pick up will be between May 2nd and May 11th. See further details on line or in the Narthex.

Need Help Finding the Right Healthcare Services?

You're not alone. The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team Navigation Line is here to support you! Whether you need healthcare assistance, social services, or just a little guidance, we're only a phone call away.

- © Call us at 1-844-806-3093 to get connected to the care and resources you need (Monday to Friday, 8AM-8PM).
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- 3. A Trusted Resource to help you or a loved one navigate the system.

Let's ensure no one struggles to find the help they need. Call now—and don't forget to share this with someone who might need it!

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

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