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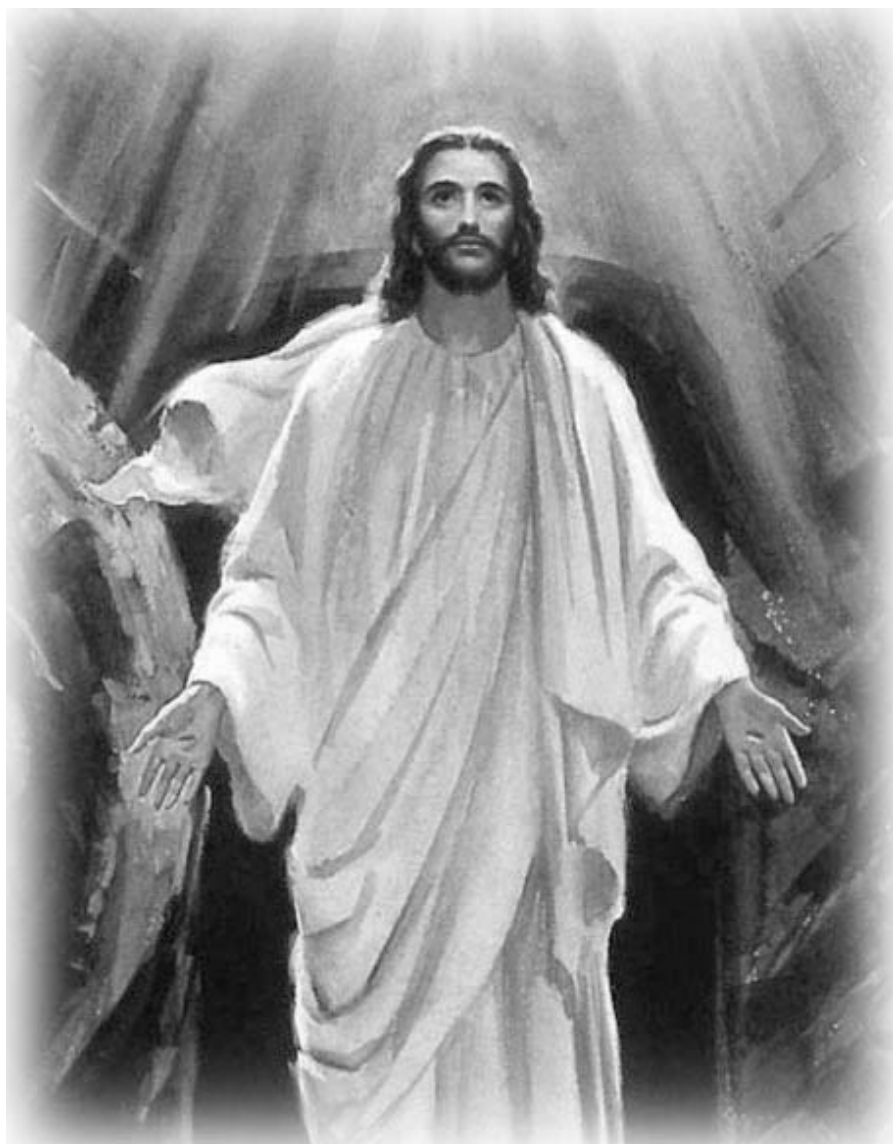
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
EASTER SUNDAY, April 5	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 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Maria Branco	
TUESDAY, April 7	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Terry Sizer	
WEDNESDAY, April 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Paul Brown	
THURSDAY, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Steve Posavec	
FRIDAY, April 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Murray Morrison ✠ Stephane Attard ✠ Frank Doe ✠ Deceased members of the Viola Family (I) Marlene Leitch (I) Personal Family Intentions	
SATURDAY, April 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Jean Falzon	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday of Easter <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maureen Kenny; Jose & Ilda DeMelo; Claudio Sacco; Larry Lobsinger; Sheila Kennedy; Joe Carvalho; Jose Guilherme Tavares; Kim Faria; Joao Batista.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Bumanlag Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

Christ is risen! Alleluia! In the joy of Easter, we celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. The empty tomb reminds us that God's love is stronger than anything we face. May this season fill your hearts with renewed faith, deep peace, and the lasting joy of the Resurrection. Alleluia!

Quote of the Week

"Invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend, For Christ the Lord is risen Our joy that hath no end." — *St. John of Damascus*

Sunday Smile

While changing a flat tire, my car fell off the jack and landed on my foot. Now I'm going to need a toe.

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.

Mission Youth Trip Recap

This March Break, 21 youth, Fr. Adam and Fr. Jerek along with seven chaperones travelled to Montréal to serve as missionaries for Christ. Due to the strong support provided by the parishioners of Holy Cross Church, we experienced a grace-filled week. Reinforced with the prayers of this community and your very generous financial support many of the poor, forgotten, and homeless were encountered. Over 450 hot meals and over 800 cups of 'Chocolat Chaud' were joyfully served. We prayed with those who needed to be reminded that they are beloved children of God. We were able to converse with many who feel unseen on the margins of society. God richly blessed our prayer time and our joy overflowed! We wish to express all our thanks from the bottom of our hearts and pray that God will bless you as you have blessed others!

Divine Mercy Sunday

We will be hosting a Holy Hour starting at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th. 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 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 today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218

Come Back Popcorn – A Redemption Story

The ladies of Holy Rosary Milton CWL along with the Vanier Chaplaincy group invite you to mark your calendars! Come to a talk presented by Emily O'Brien and be inspired by her story. Emily is the founder and CEO of **Come Back Popcorn**, and she has a story of redemption to tell. This talk will be of interest to high schoolers and adults. Emily will be speaking at Holy Rosary Church, **Milton** on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm. Several flavours of popcorn will be available for purchase. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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. Space is limited so register soon.

Couples Retreat - 5 Love Languages in Married Life

Saturday, April 18th, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. At Holy Cross Parish Hall. As we approach the Easter season, a time of renewal and new life, take a day to invest in your marriage. This retreat offers couples the opportunity to step away from daily distractions and reconnect with one another and with God. Through talks on the five love languages, personal reflection, couple sharing, the celebration of Mass, and a renewal of marriage vows, you will gain practical tools to strengthen your relationship and begin Easter with fresh

grace. Led by Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, and team. Cost: \$65 per couple (includes lunch and snacks). Registration required. Space is limited. Register at: www.regnumchristiontario.org

Easter Basket Brigade: Thank you from Community Unity

A BIG Thank you to Holy Cross for being such a big part of the Easter Basket Brigade this year. For those of you who donated -- we were part of the over \$35,000 raised to help bring a joyful Easter to those in need! To our drivers -- you were part of team who delivered to 240 families! To our artists who made Easter Cards -- you helped to light up the faces of those families who needed our help. Thank you so much and have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Save the Dates!

VBS at Holy Cross Church will be offering an exciting camp this summer from Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th! 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 1st. Please contact Patti at 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 1st**, from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** in Cote Hall for a relaxing afternoon of friendship and fellowship. Entertainment and light refreshments provided. 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

As we **celebrate** the joy of Easter and His greatest miracle of all, we give thanks for the many blessings that help us live healthy lives within a caring community! Wishing everyone a Blessed and joyful Easter weekend with family and friends, from the members of the Holy Cross Health & Wellness Committee.

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