



# 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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## Holy Cross School

905-877-4451

## Saint Francis School

905-877-6928

## Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

## Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 22 Lent 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, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ John Bancic	
TUESDAY, March 24	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (I) the Medeiros Family	
WEDNESDAY, March 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Giuseppe Brancatella	
Thursday, March 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Oscar Pimiskern	
FRIDAY, March 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Marian Diane Petersen ✠ Serge Levesque & Deceased Family Members ✠ Mariathas & Annama ✠ Oonagh Duff (I) Joseph Mendonca	
SATURDAY, March 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Maurice Corcoran	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Passion (Palm) Sunday <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Deceased Family Members of Jorgina & Fernando Ponte; Canad, Mary & Teresa Veneranda; Myrna Flor Cruz & Leonides & Angelina Lazo; Frank & Vida Kozuh; Oonagh Duff; Deceased Members of the Bumanlag Family; Regina McLean; Sean Tannahill & Mary Tucker.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of V. Barnard.

### From the Pastor's Desk

In today's gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus—not just to show power, but to reveal that He is the resurrection and the life. He delays coming, allowing death to take hold, so that faith might rise beyond mere expectation of miracles. When Martha laments, "If you had been here," Jesus redirects her hope: eternal life is not only future—it begins now for those who believe. His command, "*Lazarus, come out!*", echoes to us today: He calls us from our tombs—of despair, doubt, or weak faith. Even in grief, Jesus weeps—moved by our pain and the blindness of faith that clings only to what it can see. But He calls us to believe: "*I am*"—not "*I will be*"—the resurrection. Faith means seeing, even now, that the stone can be rolled away.

### Quote of the Week

"A great means to preserve continual peace and tranquility of soul is to receive everything from the hands of God, both great and small, and in whatever way it comes." — *St. Dorotheus*

### Sunday Smile

I dig, you dig, we, dig, they dig, he digs, she digs... It's not a beautiful poem - but it's deep.

### Friday Lenten Evenings of Prayer

On the Fridays of Lent, we will be offering an extra opportunity to spend some dedicated time with our Lord. Each Friday will consist of:

**6:00pm - 6:45pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6:00pm - 6:45pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**7:00pm: Stations of the Cross**

Join us each Friday during the Lenten season.

### We Welcome Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC

This weekend we welcome Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, who will be preaching all of our Masses and promoting his upcoming retreat for couples. Welcome Fr. Pierre!

### 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](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com). Space is limited so register soon.

### **Easter Basket Brigade 2026 - March 28th, 9:30 am**

The **Easter Basket Brigade 2026** will take place on **Saturday, March 28** at **Georgetown Christian Fellowship Church** ( on Highway 7). Anyone who would like to volunteer to deliver are welcome to join us at **9:30 AM**. In conjunction with the Georgetown Bread Basket, Community Unity Halton Hills has identified more than 230 families already in need this Easter. To help we are suggesting families share Easter by purchasing (2)- \$50 grocery gift cards -or giving the cash equivalent- by Sunday March 21st. Easter cards can also be made to include with the Easter basket. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Please forward all grocery cards, cash donations, and Easter cards to your church representative (or mark an envelope EBB and place it in the collection basket). Questions can be directed to Celia at [Holycrosscuhh@gmail.com](mailto:Holycrosscuhh@gmail.com). Online donations can also be made at [www.Communityunityhaltonhills.com](http://www.Communityunityhaltonhills.com) click "Donate" - Canada Helps and a tax receipt will be instantly generated.

### **Couples Retreat - 5 Love Languages in Married Life**

Saturday, April 18th, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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](http://www.regnumchristiontario.org)

### **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.

### **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**

#### **March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

Colorectal Cancer Canada (CCC) is highlighting the importance of screening through a variety of activities and its "Make Your #2 Your #1 Priority" campaign. CCC aims to raise awareness that colorectal cancer exists, can affect anyone, and that 72 Canadians are diagnosed every day. The good news? Colorectal cancer is **Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable**. When caught early, it is 90% curable. Colorectal cancer is cancer that affects either the colon, the rectum, or both. It is not just an older person's disease. Canadians of all ages should be aware of the signs and symptoms and know what to do if they appear. Common symptoms include unexplained changes in bowel habits, rectal bleeding, and abdominal pain or discomfort. If you notice any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor as soon as possible. Regular screening is key! One screening option is the fecal immunochemical test (FIT), which detects small amounts of blood in your stool that is not visible to the naked eye. The FIT test is done at home in just a few minutes and is easy, painless, private, and free. Depending on your risk factors, your doctor may also recommend a colonoscopy. For more information, visit CCC at [www.colorectalcancerCanada.com](http://www.colorectalcancerCanada.com)

### **Georgetown Bach Chorale**

The Georgetown Bach Chorale presents J.S.Bach's dramatic rendition of his revered work, The Passion According to St. John on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in St. John's United Church in Georgetown, 11 Guelph Street. Marcel van Helden will be the evangelist supported by Baroque Chamber orchestra and choir, conducted from the harpsichord under the leadership of Ron Greidanus. Tickets are \$45 adult/ \$15 for students. For tickets: [www.georgetownbachchorale.com](http://www.georgetownbachchorale.com); Ron Greidaus at 905-873-9909; Foodstuffs, 89 Main Street South, Georgetown at 905-877-6569; the *Holland Shop*, 71 Mill Street East, Acton at 519-853-0950.

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