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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,

For faith in God's sustaining hand,

For every blessing great and small

We thank the giver of it all.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 12 Ordinary 28	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, October 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Paul Brazukas	
TUESDAY, October 14	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Art Harris	
WEDNESDAY October 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Deceased Members of the Lynas & Ennett Families	
THURSDAY, October 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Harry Ellis	
FRIDAY, October 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Jose Maria Barsallo ✠ Aurelio Viola (I) Andrea Schatz (I) Crew McIntyre (I) Patti Birk (I) Caterina Mann & Anthony Sgro	
SATURDAY, October 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Jose Maciel	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Andrew Syme; Luis Botelho; Anton Skok; Emilio Mangini & Alfonsi Damiano; Manuel DeSousa; Marie & Gerald Haire; Doug Sullivan. Intentions of Alvin & Althea Baldovino.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Andrew Syme.

From the Pastor's Desk

In this Sunday's Gospel, ten lepers cry out to Jesus for mercy, and all are healed—but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Gratitude turns his healing into something deeper - a saving encounter with Christ. This passage reminds us that faith is not only about asking for God's help, but also about recognizing His goodness in our lives and returning to give thanks. As we go about our week, may we not take God's blessings for granted, but pause—like the grateful leper—to praise Him with thankful hearts. Happy Thanksgiving!

Quote of the Week

"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God." — *St. John Damascene*

Sunday Smile

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? Supplies!

Successful Holy Cross Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Georgetown breadbasket would like to thank everyone at Holy Cross for an incredible Thanksgiving food drive that delivered 3,500 lbs of needed food items and \$2,485.60 in

contributions. On behalf of the CWL and K of C organizers, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered.

GFORCE3's Fundraising Concert

To support our refugee family, come and enjoy an evening of song artistically directed by Gerri Schaljo & Kim Duke, presented by Georgetown Church choirs, including our Holy Cross GFORCE Choir, and featured guests at Holy Cross Church on Fri, October 17th, 2025, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets will be available after all Masses on Oct. 11/12. Admission: Adult - \$20; Children - \$10; Family - \$40. Evening includes a 50/50 draw and a chance to double your donation.

Holy Cross Young Adults - Public Rosary Rally

The Holy Cross Young Adults (HCYA) invite you to join us in praying the rosary on Saturday, October 11 at noon, to pray for Mary's intervention for the conversion of Canada. We will gather at the front of Holy Cross at the intersection of Argyll and Mountainview. This will be a Public Rosary Rally, where we will be praying in public for all to see. We will be one of over a thousand groups praying together on this day organized through the campaign Canada Needs Our Lady. If interested please contact hcyacommunity@gmail.com

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, a peaceful vigil, for the first 40 days of Lent, held near the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street in Oakville. Will you dedicate an hour to changing hearts and minds of all who see you? We keep vigil in a small group, while holding a sign offering help and hope to pregnant Women and anyone needing Post Abortion Support. Contact Stephen Germann at 905-333-6472 or www.40daysforLife.com/Oakville

Halton Alive Gala

Join us on Friday, October 24 for an inspiring, delightful evening of delicious food, community, and celebration as we raise funds for the pro-life ministry. We encourage you to invite friends who may not know about all the good work happening through Halton Alive. Tickets: \$125 per person. Full details and tickets online at www.haltonalive.ca/gala or call 905-632-3232.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

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

Catholic Moms Group - A New Season Begins!

Moms of Holy Cross Parish are invited to join us as we begin the **second year of our Catholic Moms Group!** This group is a place for fellowship, faith, and fun with other moms in our parish community. We will gather on the **2nd or 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 11:30am**, beginning with our **first gathering of the new season on Saturday, October 18th**. Whether you've joined us before or are brand new, you are welcome! Come be refreshed, connect with other moms, and share in this supportive and faith-filled community - **all while enjoying coffee, tea, and snacks**. For more information or to sign up, please email momsgroups@gmail.com or contact the parish office. We can't wait to see you there!

Journey into Kindergarten with HCDSB! Fall Open Houses

The Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) is hosting Kindergarten Open Houses for families with children starting Kindergarten in September 2026! Families are encouraged to attend to learn more about HCDSB's Kindergarten program, tour a classroom, and connect with fellow parents, staff, and community partners! For more information and to sign up, v i s i t t h e H C D S B website: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenOpenHouses2025>

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

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

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

GFORCe3 Choir Practice

The GFORCe3 Concert dress rehearsal will be held in the Church on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30pm (following the 7:00pm Mass).

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY on Saturday, November 1

You're Invited! Join us for a dynamic day of inspiration, movement, and meaningful connection in Cote Hall from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. The theme is ***Healthy in Mind, Body, and Spirit: The Power of Success Is Within***. Enjoy engaging presentations from Dr. Caroline Teske (Behavioural Optometrist), Dr. Amali Firhoj, ND (Naturopathic Doctor), Kathryn Kimmins (Canada's Laughter Ambassador), and Sandy Rahn & Cyrah Priebe (Recreation Halton Hills), as they share practical strategies to help you thrive - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Recharge with energizing fitness breaks led by Jeannine d'Entremont and explore wellness displays from local providers offering valuable resources and insights. Lunch is provided. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. To help us prepare, please RSVP by emailing holycrossgeorgetownrsvp@gmail.com or visit <https://forms.gle/sGwocvVusNMqQ2HX9>

Memorial Mass

Our Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 8 at 1:00 PM**. We will remember in a special way those who have died in the past year. All parishioners are invited to attend and honour the memory of their own loved ones who have died over the years. Please **RSVP** to holycrossgeorgetownRSVP@gmail.com or call the office at 905-873-1887.

Good Shepherd Atrium Registration

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 13, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Weekly 2 hour sessions have started but registration is still being accepted. Level 1 - Tuesday 4:00-6:00pm; Level 2/3 - Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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