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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one*

another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 13 Ordinary 28	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, October 14	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS	
TUESDAY, October 15	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Eileen Joel	
WEDNESDAY October 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Adelaide & Amador Martins	
THURSDAY, October 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, October 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass ✠ Maria Bukovcan (I) Special Intentions (I) Greta Spalding Martin (I) Marian Skelton	
SATURDAY, October 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
	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> Marie & Gerald Haire; Rosalinda dos Anjos, Joao Caetano & Maria deLourdes Piques; Laurenio & Michael Silva & Antonio Sousa; Jose Tavares & Deolinda Constantino; Doug Sullivan. Intentions of the d'Entremont Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Andrew Syme.

From the Pastor's Desk

The question that comes from the lips of the rich and eager young man in today's gospel is really of fundamental importance for all of us, so we should pay attention: '*Good Teacher, What must I do to inherit eternal life?*' Jesus gives us the 3-part answer, but the first thing we have to recognize is that we have to start *somewhere*, and that entering eternal life isn't something that happens in an instant, but is rather a *life-long journey of faith*. Our daily prayer – even when it seems dry or unproductive – is so important. It maintains a relationship with our heavenly Father and reminds us of his presence in every moment. If we're faithful to our daily prayer and the sacraments, we'll find that the eternal scheme of things ends up taking care of itself!

Quote of the Week

"When you begin a good work, earnestly pray to God to bring it to perfection." — *St. Benedict*

Sunday Smile

I saw my neighbour crying while pushing his lawnmower. He was going through a rough patch.

Thanksgiving Monday - No Mass

In order that Fr. Dave and Fr. Carlos are able to visit family out of town over Thanksgiving, there will be no Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 14th at 9:00am.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Georgetown Bread Basket would like to thank everyone at Holy Cross Church for the incredible Thanksgiving Food Drive. Together you donated 7,050 pounds of food, diapers and toilet paper for our clients. This donation and the \$2,000 cash donation will help stabilize our food supply.

Diocesan Vocations Month

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Men's Prayer Group – Sat, Oct 19th at 7:30am

We are starting a Men's Prayer Group at Holy Cross Parish this fall! The first meeting will be at 7:30am on Sat, Oct 19, 2024, ending with Mass at 9:00am. It will be a time of prayer, faith formation and fraternity for men of the parish, 18 years of age or older. We will be using the Cor program developed by the Knights of Columbus (although please note that you don't need to be a Knight to participate!). All men are welcome, but if you plan to attend, please email Fr. Carlos at cdiaz@hamiltondiocese.com so we can plan to have enough refreshments for the morning!

Memorial Mass

Our Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m. We will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year, but all parishioners are invited to come to remember their own family and friends who have died over the years. Please RSVP to holycrossgeorgetownRSVP@gmail.com or call the office at 905-873-1887.

CWL NEWS

The CWL General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15 in Cote Hall after the 7:00 pm Mass. Any women in the parish who would like to learn more about the League are most welcome to attend.

Georgetown Bach Chorale

On Saturday October 19th at 7:30 pm, the Georgetown Bach Chorale together with Master Work's of Oakville and The Bach Elgar Choir of Hamilton will present Handel's wonderful Coronation Anthems including the great Zadok The Priest. The concert will also include Concerto in C Major for 3 harpsichords and orchestra and Orchestra Suite in D Major, both by J. S. Bach. Tickets \$40 for adults/\$15 dollars for students can be purchased online at www.georgetownbachchorale.com, at Foodstuffs in downtown Georgetown, or by calling 905-873-9909 or just purchasing at the door. The concert of 120 singers and full orchestra will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 14400 Argyll Road in Georgetown.

Fall Yard Clean Up

Community Unity Halton Hills is having their annual **Fall Yard Clean Up** on **Saturday, November 9th** from 8:15am until noon. **We need your help!** Not only is this an opportunity to

volunteer in raking leaves for homes of those in need (due to age, health or circumstance) it is also a chance to make new friends. If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor." The day begins at Georgetown Christian Fellowship, 13619 Highway #7 - north of where Trafalgar & Hwy 7 intersect. Join us from 12:00-1:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink. Everyone is welcome. Please email Celia Stokoe at holycrosscuhh@gmail.com to sign up. Tell your friends and neighbours as we work together as Christians to help those in our community.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

World Food Day is October 16

World Food Day was founded by the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. According to FAO, the world's farmers produce enough food to feed more than the global population yet, hunger persists. This impacts the poor and vulnerable most severely. Food is the third most basic human need after air and water – everyone should have the right to adequate food. Too many people suffer from hunger and are unable to afford **healthy diets**. Locally, the Georgetown Bread Basket has been providing food to the Georgetown community since 1996. Their mission is to relieve hunger for all of our neighbours in need by providing access to healthy and nutritious food. They are run entirely by volunteers, meaning nearly 100 percent of all donations go directly toward serving those who depend on the food bank. For more information, visit www.worldfooddaycanada.ca/about/ and www.georgetownbreadbasket.ca

Marian Pilgrimage to France & Spain – June 2025

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3rd to 13th, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage visiting Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Barcelona, and Paris. The price of \$5,690.00 Cdn per person includes airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, most meals, and the services of English speaking guides. To register or for more information please contact Edgar Tetelbaum at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233) There will be an information evening at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, on November 7, 2024 at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Journey into Kindergarten with HCDSB! Kindergarten Open Houses

HCDSB is hosting Kindergarten Open Houses for families with children starting Kindergarten in September 2025! Join us to tour classrooms, meet staff, and learn about HCDSB's play-based Kindergarten program. For more information and to sign up, visit the HCDSB website: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenOpenHouses2024>

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