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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

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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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 15 Ordinary 24	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, September 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the Sales, Chora & Varao Families	
TUESDAY, September 17	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Noreen Miehm	
WEDNESDAY September 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Kristina & Joseph Baczynski	
THURSDAY, September 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Immacolata Varricchio & Mariana Galati	
FRIDAY, September 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Jean Falzon † Luis Botelho † Steve Posavec † Erika Dollman	
SATURDAY, September 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marie Bilof	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Natalia Pereira; Riv Galway; Bob Smith; Carole Reitzel; Georgette Milliere; Alistair Macewan.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of L. Luciw.

From the Pastor's Desk

Christian maturity is our goal. Just like with any pursuit in life, we aren't perfect at it over night, but rather it is a gradual process that occurs over time allowing us to gain experience, to learn, and to come to maturity. Today in this relatively short gospel Jesus gives us through the interaction with Peter the 3-step process of becoming a mature Christian: 1) To first answer the question 'Who do you say that I am?'; 2) To then 'get behind' Jesus; and 3) To take up our cross. Profess, Follow, Carry Cross. In our prayer this week, let's pray about where we are with this formula, and ask for the strength to live it out to its fullest in our lives, seeking full Christian maturity.

Quote of the Week

"God will not deny mercy to anyone." — *St. Faustina*

Sunday Smile

My dad quit his job to pursue his dream in archeology. His career is now in ruins.

Life Chain Returns to Georgetown - Sunday, October 6, 2024

LIFE CHAIN 2024 will take place in Georgetown once again this year on Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00pm. Stay tuned for location information! Life Chain is an international hour of

prayer for our nation and a peaceful, prayerful public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of abortion. Join the Chain on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00pm on Guelph Street between Sinclair and Armstrong in Georgetown.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The CWL and Knights of Columbus of the parish will be running a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Georgetown Breadbasket Foodbank. Bags and a shopping list of needed items will be distributed over the next couple of weekends, and the food will be delivered to the foodbank following the Masses on October 6. Be generous if you can to help those in need in our community!

Fall Ministry Fair and Coffee Sunday - September 28 & 29

Mark your calendars for our Fall Ministry Fair and Coffee Sunday after all Masses on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29 in Cote Hall. Take some time in fellowship and at the same time see what our Parish has to offer. Consider how you can share your time, talent, and treasure with your Holy Cross Parish Community and sign up at one of our Ministry tables. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Grief Relief - Thursday, October 10 to November 21

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? **Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone!** We will be offering a Grief Relief Program on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., October 10 – November 21.** Please contact the parish office at (905) 873-1887 for more information.

Young Adults Group at Holy Cross

If you are a 17-30 year old young adult looking for a group of people to hang out with, share your faith, and to grow your relationship with the Lord, send us an email with your name and phone number so we can start to plan some meetings and outings together! Our email address is: Holy Cross Young Adult Community: hcyacommunity@gmail.com

CWL News

The September General Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, in Cote Hall after the 7:00pm Mass. We'll be covering a variety of activities and topics planned for the next few months. Those wishing to pay their 2025 membership fee may do so at this meeting. Any ladies in the parish who might be interested in joining the CWL are most welcome to come to a meeting to learn more about the League. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening.

GFORCe3 Update

GFORCe3's (Georgetown Friends of Refugee Committee 3) second Afghan family, who fled Afghanistan over 2 years ago to Pakistan, arrived late Monday night. The 73-year-old father, one of his twin 29-year-old sons and his 26-year-old daughter all arrived safely and tired from their 24+ hour trip. They have begun to settle in as they await the arrival of the second twin son. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past 2.5 years.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

September is Acne Awareness Month

Acne is caused by several factors including hormones, genes, some medications and medical conditions. Acne affects most teens and young adults and people of all ethnic groups. Acne and Rosacea Society of Canada suggests these top 3 lifestyle tips: 1. Eat a healthy, balanced diet, exercise regularly and manage stress; 2. If anything you eat or drink triggers acne, avoid these items; 3. Don't pick or squeeze acne spots. This can make acne worse and increases the risk of permanent scarring. If acne is affecting your everyday life, consider these 5 steps to help: 1. Treatment – self treatment or see your doctor; 2. Support of family and friends; 3. Camouflage – learn how to hide acne; 4. Skincare and diet; 5. Be active and social. For more information, visit www.acneaction.ca or talk to your doctor.

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Baptism Preparation Class

Holy Cross Parish is looking for dynamic leaders to assist on the Baptism Preparation Team. Members of the team are responsible for leading a class to prepare first-time parents and godparents for the faithful reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. During the class, parents will be engaged and encouraged to reflect more deeply on the meaning of this Sacrament of Initiation and its importance in the lives of their children. They will also be prepared physically and spiritually for what to expect on Baptism Day. Meetings are first Thursdays of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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 (1.5 to 2 hours) sessions run from October to May. Registration is currently open for sessions beginning in September/October 2024. For more information, please contact the parish office.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process, through which adults become fully initiated members of our Catholic faith community, will begin again this Fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, please contact Father Carlos at the Parish Office. The process involves a weekly commitment to one hour sessions and participation at Sunday Mass. It is open to unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian Churches, and Catholics who desire to complete their initiation.

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