



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

Office hours

Monday 12 Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. ~ 12 Noon

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - Friday 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 - Contact Father David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

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Knights of Columbus
Peter McKenna, Grand Knight
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others rush into marriage too soon. As a result, they often bring to their marriage unresolved issues in their lives. Given the full significance of Christian marriage, some argue that the Church should be more restrictive in its approach to the witnessing of marriage; others complain when the Church puts any strictures on marriage at all. Priests properly try to ensure that couples are ready, willing and able to make a marital commitment, by helping them discern their vocation and offering them instruction on the nature, duties and rites of marriage. Sometimes priests refer couples to others for such marriage preparation. People should not enter into marriage without careful thought and preparation, including spiritual preparation through prayer and participation in the sacramental life of the Church. But in all but the most obviously ill-considered cases, the Church is reluctant to deny its blessing to those who are legally free to marry.

Why is marriage only between a man and a woman?

Marriage is a special kind of friendship. It is not only permanent and exclusive, but also between a man and a woman. It is the celebration of the similarities and differences, the unity-in-diversity and the complementarity of the sexes. The very design of our bodies reveals that man and woman are made for each other. Marital love is thus designed by God to make men into husbands and women into wives.

Marriage is also a unique form of friendship in another respect: it is oriented toward the having and rearing of children. The sexual union of a man and a woman is the only kind of love-making which can also result in life-making. Marital love is thus designed by God to make men into fathers and women into mothers. (This is true even for those couples who cannot have children of their own and must find other ways to nurture and support children.)

For the Church, friendships between people of the same sex cannot be marriages because they lack both the sexual complementarity and the orientation toward new life which are essential marks of marriage. As we have already seen, faith and reason, scripture and tradition, reveal that sexual activity is a celebration of marital love. Homosexual acts, like other sexual acts outside of marriage, or other misuses of sexuality within marriage, are thus a misuse of the body and of friendship (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2357-2359). When the Church reserves marriage to heterosexual couples and asks the civil authority to privilege these marriages in

various ways so as to support couples and families, no unjust discrimination is intended or results. Rather this simply recognizes that not all relationships are marriages (cf Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Regarding Proposals to give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons*, 2003).

MASS INTENTIONS

One of our dear Catholic traditions is to pray for those who have died by remembering them in the celebration of Mass. We offer these intentions at daily Mass (Tuesday - Friday at 9:00 a.m.) as well as at our weekly Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. To arrange for an announced Mass intention please contact the parish office. The offering for announced Mass intentions in the Diocese of Hamilton is \$10. The announcement of the intention is in our weekly parish bulletin and is indicated by a (†) for someone who has died; or (I) for an intention on behalf of a living person. Mass cards and offering envelopes for announced Mass intentions can also be found in the Sacristy. Mass intentions may be directed toward Masses celebrated in the parish, or you may wish to direct the intention to the "missions". These intentions are satisfied by priests working in various missions through the Diocese of Hamilton.

ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN

The Rotary Club of Georgetown is repeating its "500 for 500" raffle which was such a success in 2011 in raising funds for a Universally Accessible Children's Playground at Dominion Gardens Park. Only 500 tickets at \$100 each will be sold and the prize is a new sporty Fiat 500 Cabriolet. Each ticket carries vouchers worth in excess of \$500 which can be redeemed at select local merchants. The proceeds will be used to provide much needed mature shade trees and benches adjacent to the playground and an expansion of the rubberized play surface. Further proceeds will be directed to the Georgetown Food Bank and other community initiatives. Tickets will be on sale at each Mass on the weekend of August 25/26 and we look forward to a repeat of the great support given by parishioners last year!

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to make clothing and non-perishable food donations to this organization may contact Paul Brown at 905-873-6591 to arrange pickup. For information about what may be acceptable for use please call Canadian Food For Children directly from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 905-274-9239. No used books or electronics please.

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