



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

Catholic Women's League
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, August 5 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, 31 • Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 • John 6:24-35	9:00 a.m. Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, August 6 • The Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • Mark 9:2-10	No Mass	Father Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
TUESDAY, August 7 Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 • Matthew 14:22-36	9:00 a.m. - Daily Mass † Theresa Marzalik	Father Mark Gatto
WEDNESDAY, August 8 Jeremiah 31:1-7 • Matthew 15:21-28	9:00 a.m. - Daily Mass † Lorraine & Marlene Pollock	Catholic Single Adults
THURSDAY, August 9 Jeremiah 31:31-34 • Matthew 16:13-23	9:00 a.m. - Daily Mass † Rita Van Wouw	Father Duy Nguyen
FRIDAY, August 10 • St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 • John 12:24-26	9:00 a.m. - Daily Mass (I) Barbara Lavoie & Family † Alan Joseph MacDonald † Ivan Hunter	Father Robert Dunn
SATURDAY, August 11 Habakkuk 1:12 — 2:4 • Matthew 17:14-20	4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation	Father Michael Anderson
SANCTUARY LAMP This week the Sanctuary lamp is in memory of John & Jeremiah deOliveira.	5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass † Olive Rawlinson † Verginio Sousa † Marianna Fera † Bernie Smith † Robert Ehmann	

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • July 22	\$ 7,457.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 393	
Average envelope donation – \$15.39	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 485.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 7,942.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process will begin in our parish in September. If you or someone you know would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic please contact the parish office for more information.

CATHOLICISM 101 - FOR CRADLE CATHOLICS

Ever want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Want to explore questions of faith more deeply? Looking for the “why” behind the things we Catholics believe and do? Then *Catholicism 101* may be for you. This will be a series of sessions offered in our parish this Fall. Stay tuned for more information!

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

Parents of children in Grade 2 (1st Communion) or Grade 7/8 (Confirmation) can register for the Sacraments now by visiting our parish website www.holycrossrc.com and follow the appropriate link.

CO-OP MISSION APPEAL

We are happy to welcome **Father Raymond Peter** who will speak on behalf of the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, India. An offering envelope for the Mission Appeal will be included with today’s bulletin and may be returned next weekend. Cheques should be made payable to the “**Holy Cross Parish Account**”. The Co-op Mission Appeal welcomes missionaries from around the world to speak in parishes across the Diocese of Hamilton. The funds collected are pooled and divided among the Dioceses and Religious Communities who have asked for assistance in 2012. Your kind generosity to this appeal is appreciated by the poorest of the poor in our world.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Our parish family photo directory, commemorating the first anniversary of the dedication of Holy Cross Church, has arrived. They are available from the parish office. Note that there is one directory per photograph in the book. Additional books may be available for a \$10 donation (we would like to distribute them to all those receiving one for having their picture taken first).

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, August 6th as we observe the Civic Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, August 7th at 9:00 a.m.

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We continue a series in this week's bulletin on Catholic teaching about marriage. The text is from the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (© 2008 COLF) which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

So what might the Church say to couples who are "living together"?

The Church recognizes the genuine good will and fidelity of many couples who are living together, but at the same time it is deeply concerned for them. Damage can be done to couples by a relationship that is *going nowhere* and which is not grounded in the truth of man and woman. Such couples are missing out on something far more fulfilling - namely, a sacramental marriage - and their chances of later achieving and maintaining this are reduced. Moreover, there is no evidence that living together is a good preparation for marriage: quite the opposite. *Fidelity* in either a series of short relationships, or in a longer but open ended relationship, is not a good preparation for the exclusive and permanent fidelity of marriage.

Couples living together should reflect on their expectations when they began to live together, and also reflect on how these have changed. What does their holding off from marriage say about their relationship or about themselves? Are they truly sharing their lives? What are they saying (and not saying) to each other in their sexual intimacy? Are they being honest with each other? Where is God in their lives?

Couples should also beware of marrying to "fix" any problems or uncertainties in their relationship. Marriage will not resolve underlying tensions or sources of disagreement. Cohabiting couples should consider living apart for some time before marriage in order to appreciate the significance that marriage will have for them. Minimally, they should prepare themselves spiritually for marriage through sexual abstinence and approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before exchanging vows.

"The Church's pastoral concern ... [extends] to those families in particular which are in difficult or irregular situations. For all of them the Church will have a word of truth, goodness, understanding, hope and deep sympathy with their sometimes tragic difficulties. To all of them she will offer her disinterested help so that they can come closer to that model of a family which the Creator intended from the beginning and which Christ has renewed with His redeeming grace" (John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, #65).

Why should marriage be for life?

Human beings cannot make a real gift of themselves if they believe they can always take back the gift and give it to someone else. We are temporal or *historical* beings: we live, grow, change, and shape our lives through time, from birth to death, through the choices we make. God has given us the gift of freedom; the opportunity to make not only umpteen little choices but also the really big ones which mean giving ourselves completely to another person as a spouse or parent, or to God and his people as a priest or consecrated religious. As the Second Vatican Council observed, "*man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere giving of himself*" (Gaudium et spes, #24). As a temporal, mortal creature, the only way a human being can make an unconditional commitment to another is by making a life-long commitment. Only the stable, life-long commitment of marriage can truly protect the integrity of a couple's sexual and emotional intimacy, enabling their friendship to deepen through all the challenges of family life.

Furthermore, God has revealed his will for marriage as a life-long commitment. Two shall become one: a total gift (Genesis 2.24; Matthew 19.3-9; Ephesians 5.31). In binding himself to the Chosen People as a husband to his wife, God in the Old Testament revealed not only something of the depth of his self-giving love and fidelity to Israel, but also his high aspirations for marriage (Malachi 2.16).

So too when Christ bound himself to his Church as her bridegroom. Christ revealed that it is precisely for this self-giving love - consummated in his own case on the cross (John 19.30; 15.13) - that man and woman are made. This is one more example of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council that "*it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear*" (Gaudium et spes, #22). Thus Jesus declared not only in words but by his deeds that "*what God has joined, no one may divide*" (Matthew 19.6). As Christ will never abandon his Church, so spouses must love each other for life (Ephesians 5.25-26, 31-31).

Thus the Church challenges the cynicism sometimes found in our culture and affirms God's plan for marriage as the truth for which we must strive. The goodness of marriage must be respected by those who enter into it and by society at large. While some people are quick to talk down the happiness found through marriage or to talk up the failures in marriage, many ordinary people have fulfilling and life-long marriages and pass on to their children the example of their fidelity and service.

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Christ the King is having a used uniform sale on Thursday, August 30th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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