



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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*Established as a Parish in the
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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

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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
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

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905-877-1176
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416-505-4354

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905-877-4451

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 1 <i>Advent 1</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.37-44)	
MONDAY, December 2		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 3	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	ADVENT FAMILY MASS (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) (I) Catholic Education	
	7:30 p.m.		4 th Degree Mtg - Cote Hall
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Mtg. - Sac. Heart
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
WEDNESDAY December 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.2-37) † Antonio Borges and deceased family members	
	<u>10:00 a.m. at School</u>	Holy Cross School Mass † Charles Milton	
	<u>1:00 p.m. at School</u>	St. Francis School Mass † Joe Power	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, December 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27) † Valerie Bloomfield	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rhrl. - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Michele Graziani † Kata Babic † Arturo & Onoria Carlesimo † Quirino & Ada Maurati (I) Geoff & Andria Freeman	
SATURDAY, December 7	11:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation - St. Brigid School	
	1:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation - St. Catherine of Alexandria School	
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Nicola Varricchio; George & Nina Busuttil; Carmela Santaluca; Bruna DiRenzo; Clayton Basha; Dan Curtis; Jose Albano Pimentel; Amavel Baptista; Dec. Mem. of the Beaton & Waskalik Families.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttil.

FREE PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY

We hope you join us to kick off the Christmas season as we watch the fun-filled family Christmas classic "The Muppet Christmas Carol" in Cote Hall Sunday, December 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy this wonderful movie, fresh baked goods, hot chocolate, coffee and tea all at no cost. Feel free to bring a blanket & pillow to snuggle up in if you like. Please be sure to sign up in the Narthex after Mass.

SONGS OF ADVENT CONCERT

John B. Miller and Friends

We are excited to be hosting the *John B. Miller and Friends* Advent Concert this year at Holy Cross on **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Including an impressive light show, this group of talented musicians does a number of dates throughout southern Ontario each year, offering an evening of reflective music for the Advent season. It's a beautiful way of preparing our hearts for the coming of

the Lord! To learn more, you can visit their website at www.johnbmiller.ca. The concert is open to all, with free-will offerings accepted if you wish.

PARISH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us on **Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m** as all of our parish choirs present an evening of Advent and Christmas hymns. There is no charge for this night. A free-will offering will be forwarded to Holy Cross HELPS to support their work within the community, and to help families in need this Christmas.

EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington, 4072 New Street in Burlington on Sunday, December 8th starting at 7:00 p.m. Choral preludes begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 7:15 p.m. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of St. Raphael's Parish.

CWL NEWS

2020 membership fees are now due. Members of the Executive will be available after all Masses again this weekend to facilitate the process.

We are planning a retreat on Saturday, February 29, 2020. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join in. More information will be available in the near future, but mark this date on your calendars!

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - Winter Schedule

Hope you all had a wonderful summer! I am starting to work on the new Winter Schedule running from January 4 - March 29, 2020. Please let me know the dates you will be UNAVAILABLE during this period. A reminder there will be a sign up for Christmas and New Year's Masses posted in the narthex for December 7/8 and 14/15. Servers or Readers who are home from University are invited to please feel free to sign up to help over Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to sign up. Once again if you are serving at a Saturday or Sunday Mass please endeavour to arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass starting and remember to sign in on the Ministries Sign In Sheet in the sacristy. Thank you for your Sunday Ministry to the Altar. *Blessings, Marie Simpson, Co-ordinator of Sunday Ministries.*

TOONIES FOR TURKEYS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting toonies and loonies on Sunday, December 8th & 15th to be donated to the Georgetown Breadbasket. Last year at Christmas, parishioners generously gave \$3,000.00. This money will help the less fortunate in our community to enjoy something special over the Christmas Season, like a turkey or ham. Thanks in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2020 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2019 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

SACRE COEUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 6th Sacre Coeur is hosting a Christmas fundraising dinner for their parish. Tickets are \$25 for adults; 13-18 yrs - \$20; 6-12 yrs - \$15; and under 5 - \$5. Contact Sacre Coeur Parish for tickets.

GEORGETOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

The Georgetown Choral Society's Christmas concert this year is entitled "Gloria - Song of Angels" and will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th in the Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. The choir is thrilled to feature Vivaldi's lovely: "Gloria" composition. The program also has other lovely Christmas songs on the theme of Gloria, Song of Angels. There will also be an audience 'sing-along' of popular carols. Get into the Christmas spirit by letting the sound of 80 voices in four part harmony embrace you. Concert tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door): students \$10; family of 4 \$50 and \$10 for each additional child under 12. Group rates available for 10 or more. They can be purchased from any choir member, from the web site, or from the following retailers: JV Clothing in the Marketplace Mall; Pat's Prime Cuts & Deli in Georgetown South; McMaster's Meat & Deli in downtown Georgetown; Acton Home Hardware (Acton); or by calling 905-877-7795. Details at www.georgetownchoral.ca/

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

Please note the extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent:

Tuesdays from 6pm - 6:30pm and Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm as usual

***** Sat, Dec 14th - Confessions from 12:00pm - 4:45pm (several priests until 3pm)*****

Tuesday, December 17 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20 - 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 21 - 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (last opportunity before Christmas)

There will also be a Penance Celebration at **Holy Rosary Church in Milton** on **Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** with several priests available for Confessions throughout the evening until about 9:00 p.m.

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