



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

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, December 11 Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 • 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 • John 1:6-8, 19-28	9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas</i> Zechariah 2:10-13 • Luke 1:39-47	No Mass	No Mass	Father Peter Watters
TUESDAY, December 13 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 • Matthew 21:28-32	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Alice Campbell	Monsignor Harvey Roach
WEDNESDAY, December 14 Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 • Luke 7:19-23	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Ilda & Jose De Melo	Seminarians
	3:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	
THURSDAY, December 15 Isaiah 54:1-10 • Luke 7:24-30 • Luke 7:24-30	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Rose, Henry & Ken Alexander	Father Victor McNamara
FRIDAY, December 16 Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8 • John 5:16-17, 33-36	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Emerine deSouza † William Milliere † Holy Souls	Father Jack Hurley, CSB
SATURDAY, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 • Matthew 1:1-17	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Arthur Busch
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Frank Gillis † Laurenio & Maria Pontes † Maria Vieira † Jose Araujo † Bill Finnigan † Jose, Deolinda & Constantino Tavares	

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Nicola Varricchio.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 12

6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members

TUESDAY, December 13

7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

7:30 p.m. K of C General Meeting - Cote hall

7:30 p.m. Parish Catechetical Group Advent Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 14

7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

7:00 p.m. Men's Group - Holy Hour and Benediction

THURSDAY, December 15

7:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Cote Hall

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 27 \$ 8,156.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 481

Average envelope donation – \$14.57

New Church Building Fund \$ 14,218.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 22,374.00

WELCOME MONSIGNOR KERR

We are happy to welcome Monsignor Vincent Kerr who will lead our "mini-mission" this weekend and preach at the Penance Celebration Sunday afternoon. Always a pleasure to welcome Monsignor to our parish!

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Our Parish *Advent Penance Celebration* is Sunday at **4:00 p.m.** Several priests from the area will be with us to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). A Portuguese speaking priest will also be available. This is the last extended time for the Sacrament of Confession before Christmas.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

All men (and women too) are invited to our special *Advent Holy Hour* on Wednesday, December 14 (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) Prayer, readings and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

The Social Committee is running a "Family Skate" on Monday, January 2nd from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per family and will be available after all Masses next weekend, December 17/18. For more information contact Jane at 905-877-7226.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Adults and children wishing to participate or help out with this years Christmas Pageant to be held at the 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass are asked to call Claudine at 905-702-9121. We require adults for supervision and coordination and children as participants.

LUNCH AT CAPINA'S

Thanks to Claudio & Anna for their kind offer of lunch for our parishioners on the *Sundays of Advent* (December 4th, 11th and 18th). There is no cost for lunch - a freewill offering can be made - proceeds will be split between Capina's & Holy Cross HELPS. Beverages are extra ... join us for lunch!

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of 2012 Offering Envelopes have been prepared for those who currently use envelopes as a way of offering financial support for the work of the parish. Kindly pick up your box of offering envelopes after Mass. If you wish to become an envelope user please contact the parish office and a box will be prepared for you. Some of our parishioners prefer to use *pre-authorized debits* as a monthly donation to the parish. Arrangements for this way of giving can also be made with the parish office.

One change in the boxed sets of envelopes this year is that there is no monthly "Holy Cross HELPS" envelope. Parishioners can continue to support HELPS by contributing to the monthly collection at the doors of the church. This monthly collection will be further supported out of the general offerings of the parish. Your continued financial support helps HELPS help others.

All donations to Holy Cross Parish are tax deductible if the donor is identified - either by using offering envelopes or pre-authorized debits. Your continued financial support of the work of our parish and its mortgage is greatly appreciated by all!

SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. MASS

Please note there is no Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th) or New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st). This weekly celebration began in October and is going very well. We have anywhere from 250 - 350 people attending. Thanks to our newly formed choir who are doing a great job leading that assembly in song.

CHRISTMAS BREAK OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close on Friday, December 23rd at 12:00 Noon and will re-open on Monday, January 2nd at 12 Noon. Telephone messages will be checked regularly during that time.

HEALTH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Low Impact Exercise program is now being offered on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Bring your own weights and bands. Classes are conducted by a certified fitness instructor. Pay as you go cost is \$3 per session. Come and join, improve your health.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

This is our first Christmas in our new Parish Church. Join us for these very special celebrations. Father Dave is especially looking forward to the first *Midnight Mass* in our new Church. Let us pray that our celebration of Christmas will be a source of blessing for all of us!

Please note the times of our Christmas & New Year's Masses:

Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th, 2011)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

12:00 a.m. MIDNIGHT MASS (Incense)

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th, 2011)

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Pageant)

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Incense)

No afternoon or evening Masses at Holy Cross or in the Diocese of Hamilton on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st, 2011)

5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st, 2012)

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

(NO 7:00 p.m. Mass)

New Year's Day is the *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*, and is a holy day of obligation in Canada.

ROMAN MISSAL

Don't forget ... "*And with your spirit.*" Also, please do use the pew cards for some of the other responses. It'll take some time for us all to become experts at the new responses! So far, so good! Thanks to all who are helping us along the way!

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