



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 K. Cull, Pastor
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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon

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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President
(905) 877-7226

Knights of Columbus

Jim McDonald, Grand Knight
(905) 873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

Prayer Network

Chris (905) 877-0462
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Saint Brigid School

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(905) 702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 11 Advent 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11)	
MONDAY, December 12		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 13	2:30 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Meeting - Sacred Heart Rm
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21.28-32) † Joe Johnston	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7.19-23)	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
THURSDAY, December 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 56.1-3a, 6-8; John 5.16-17, 33-36) (I) Tom, Val and Family	
	10:00 a.m. at School	St. Catherine School Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Lk. 10.21-24) † Brendan Brown	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
FRIDAY, December 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Lisa Quinn † Seymour & Kathleen Roche † Robert O'Gorman	
	10:00 a.m. at School	St. Francis School Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † Nellie Stoyles	
SATURDAY, December 17	3 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Luis Botelho; Melanie Luciani; Maria Vieira; Nicola Varricchio; Bento Borges; Sebastian Aguiar	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Giuseppe Pannella.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

On this Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – we light the rose candle in the Advent Wreath. This colour signifies joy. In the first reading of Holy Mass, the prophet Isaiah speaks about the glory of the Lord. In our time, one of the most beautiful ways to experience joy is found in the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. As Saint John Paul II has written, it is Christ “in whom God shows us His compassionate heart and reconciles us fully with Himself. It is the face of Christ that must be rediscovered through the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation).”

As someone who frequents this sacrament of forgiveness and healing, I encourage you to make your peace with

God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent will be Saturday, December 17th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 20th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and on Wednesday, December 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please take some time to look into your heart to honestly acknowledge the sins for which you ask God’s forgiveness, and to place before the Lord the areas of your life in which you desire the Lord’s peace. I look forward to celebrating with you the wonderful gift of the Lord’s forgiveness.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Please join us for an Advent Evening Prayer Service being held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. It will be a brief time of music, scripture and reflection.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

► *Christmas Cakes* ... Knights will be selling Christmas Cakes once again this year after all Masses beginning this weekend. Small cakes are \$15 and large cakes \$25. These cakes are made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey and all money raised goes to Campaign Life Coalition.

► *Sunday Missals* ... 2017 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 2016 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

► *Toonies for Turkeys* ... The Knights are looking for your support in their Christmas fundraiser "*Toonies for Turkeys*." This initiative will help our local food bank to provide needy families in our community with a turkey for Christmas. All money raised will be donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket. We will be collecting money this weekend. Thank you in advance for your support. For information please contact Michael at 647-206-4752.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Boxed sets of 2017 envelopes will be available for pick up this weekend and on December 17/18. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2017 will be mailed in the coming days - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Families planning to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day are invited to have their children participate in a pageant (there is no speaking involved). Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass today in Cote Hall.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, December 27th for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after Masses on the weekend of December 17/18. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

ALPHA - REGISTRATION

The Alpha course begins at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, January 26th! We are now ready to accept registrations. Alpha is for people who do not have a relationship with God, or for people who have been away from church for an extended period of time, or for people who have had little or no experience of the Christian faith. If you, your spouse, family member, co-worker or friend would benefit from this course, please inform them about Alpha and provide them with the URL below. Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a 30-minute video and then small group discussions. The discussions are an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas without being corrected or judged. For more information about the program, to register, to view videos or to send an email for more information, enter the following URL into your Internet browser: <https://goo.gl/YkpZ7R> or visit the parish website at www.holycrossrc.com For people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, plans are in place to introduce a similar program next year.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Christmas Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms are available in the narthex for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS 2016

Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday, December 24th, 2016

Carols will be sung before each Mass.

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass (with Incense)

Christmas Day Masses - Sunday, December 25th, 2016

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (with children's pageant)

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

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