

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Bulletin announcements accepted until
12 Noon on Mondays

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Father David Wynen, Pastor
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Sunday Eucharist
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12:00 noon

Weekday Eucharist
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule)

Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to
arrange for visits, Communion
or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available at the main doors of the Church. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on the 2nd or 4th Sundays of each month (except during the Season of Lent). Adults needing baptism or reception into the Catholic church should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Please contact the pastor a minimum of one year before the planned marriage date.

Priesthood & Religious Life - contact Father Dave Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website: www.vocationinfo.ca

"... be yourselves like living stones, built into a spiritual house ..."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, December 13 Zephaniah 3:14-18a • Philippians 4:4-7 • Luke 3:10-18	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 14 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a • Matthew 21:23-27	No Mass	No Mass	Father Kevin Cull
TUESDAY, December 15 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 • Matthew 21:28-32	7:00 p.m. Mass	<i>School Advent Mass</i> (I) St. Francis of Assisi School (I) St. Catherine of Alexandria School	Father Leonard Strohmeier
WEDNESDAY, December 16 <i>All Day Eucharistic Adoration</i> Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 • Luke 7:19-23	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Manuel Hilario	Our Parish Community
THURSDAY, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 • Matthew 1:1-17	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Steven & Robert Manina, & Effie, Joe & John Fagan	Father Vilmar Orsolin, CS
FRIDAY, December 18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 • Matthew 1:18-24	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Maria Vieira † Souls in Purgatory (I) Judith Barsallo	Father Gary Schlack
SATURDAY, December 19 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a • Luke 1:5-25	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Father Francis Hubilla, OSB
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Melanie Luciani † Slavko Romic † Maria Carmela Falcicchio † Jose Piques † Nacie & Francie Doucett † Joao Caetano & Maria & Manuel Luis	

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 14

6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal - church
8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - church

WEDNESDAY, December 16

8:00 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting - church hall

THURSDAY, December 17

11:00 a.m. Low Impact Exercise - church hall
7:00 p.m. 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal - church

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 29 \$ 7,824.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 456

Average envelope donation – \$15.32

Building Fund \$ 4,040.00

Holy Cross HELPS \$ 2,847.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 14,711.00

PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

Join us on Tuesday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for our Penance Celebration and Confessions. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS VACATION FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Monday, December 21st** for skating, carol singing and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday & 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses on Sunday, December 12/13. You can also purchase tickets from Marie Simpson at 905-877-6928 or from Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Those who currently use offering envelopes to offer your financial support of the parish may pick up your 2010 box of envelopes after Mass in the main entrance of the Church. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes kindly complete a "Parish Registration Form" or contact the office. Your generous support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Our parish's "year end" is December 31st. Donations given after this date are credited for the following year. If you would like to have your donations credited for 2009 they must be received by December 31st. Receipts will be mailed out in January.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Any children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, please plan on attending the meeting in the church hall on Sunday, December 13th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. For further information please contact Debbie Baker at 905-702-0006 or Claudine Waddick 905-702-9121.

FAMILY ADVENT MASSES

Families attending our parish's Catholic elementary schools are invited to gather for the celebration of Mass during Advent:

Tuesday, December 15th, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)
St. Francis School & St. Catherine School

All are welcome to join us for these celebrations during this joyful Advent Season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

❖ *Food Drive:* This weekend, December 12/13, is the final weekend the Knights of Columbus will have a van in the parking lot before all Masses collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank. The Georgetown Bread Basket has a greater need this year so please give generously.

❖ *Pro-Life Christmas Cakes:* The Knights of Columbus are again selling Pro-Life Christmas cakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition. They will be available for sale at weekend Masses. For further information please call Tony Smyth at 647-407-1617.

FUTURE USE OF CURRENT FACILITIES

As I announced at Mass last Sunday, the Diocese of Hamilton and the Town of Halton Hills have reached agreement on the terms of a lease which would allow our current church and rectory to be used as a temporary location for the Halton Hills Library. The lease will be approximately 18 months - for the duration of the Library's renovation project. The Library will make various improvements to the facilities - primarily the Hall - which will include carpeting, painting, air conditioning - all of which will enhance the value of the facility for its eventual sale. It is the intention of the Diocese to sell the property and buildings to an appropriate buyer. The proceeds of the lease and the eventual sale follow our parish and will be used toward the mortgage of our new church. The Library will occupy the Hall and use the church for offices and conference areas. We will have an opportunity to remove religious symbols and pews prior to the Library moving in sometime in the winter of 2011 - after we have moved to our new parish home.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24)

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight Mass (Incense)

A word to the wise the 5:00 p.m. Mass was VERY, VERY crowded last year. We will begin that celebration as soon as we have a full church (sitting and standing). You may wish to come to Mass at 7 p.m. or one of the later Christmas Eve or Christmas morning Masses to avoid large crowds, difficult parking and standing!

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)

10:00 a.m. (Pageant)

12:00 Noon (Incense)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec 31) — 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Friday, January 1) — 11:00 a.m.

In Canada, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday has traditionally been called *Gaudate Sunday*, from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin: "Rejoice, in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near." (Philippians 4.4,5)

In today's Gospel we encounter, once again, John the Baptist who announces the coming of the One who will baptize in the power of the Holy Spirit. God's word challenges us to new ways of responding to the call of justice and mercy, while God's Spirit gives us the grace to live this new way of life.

Next weekend our parish welcomes His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie, the Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Bergie will preside and preach at our Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a brief but important Season of the Church year. Preparation is essential - we must prepare our hearts, our homes, our world for the birth of Lord. Let us pray that we might become more aware of God's loving presence among us.

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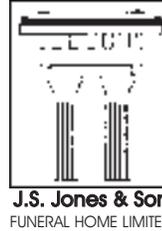
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