



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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. ~ 12:00 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\*\*  
(\*\*Please note Mass time changes)

**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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Leslie Rutherford, President  
905-877-1176  
Michele Meitz, Co-President  
416-505-4354

### Knights of Columbus

Francis St. Pierre, Grand Knight  
905-873-6455

### Prayer Network

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### Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 13 Advent 3	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28) <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21.23-27) † Theresa Scholz	
TUESDAY, December 15	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13) † Chris Macewan	
WEDNESDAY, December 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7.19-23) † Luigi De Franco	
THURSDAY, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17) † Edmund Frencillo	
FRIDAY, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) † Jean Falzon † Marica Bukovcan † Ana Spudic † Nevenka Rici	
SATURDAY, December 19	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick McCarthy; Mary Stone; Joe Esteireiro; Maria & Frank Vieira; Barb Bruce; Bento Borges & Joseph Bilik; Victor deGannes; Tom Ellard.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of our living and deceased families and friends.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

This Sunday we light the rose-coloured candle on our Advent wreath as we celebrate Gaudate Sunday, or 'Rejoice' Sunday. We mark the halfway point of Advent, and as such we are reminded of the joy that we are to cultivate in our hearts as we prepare in anticipation for the Lord's birth at Christmas. During these challenging times, let's give ourselves permission to be joyful - to have joy in all those things that we have been blessed with, and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ loved us so much that he came into our world as a vulnerable baby - to become human just like you and - so that he may free us from our sins and reconcile us all to the Father. Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

### **Guest Homelist - Deacon Patrick Ohl**

We are happy to welcome Deacon Patrick Ohl who will be preaching all of our Masses this weekend. Deacon Patrick hails from Kitchener and is currently in his last year of study for the priesthood at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. Keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey to priesthood - God willing he will be ordained this coming May for the Diocese of Hamilton!

### **Christmas Masses – Registration Information**

Last weekend we made available registration for Christmas Masses, and within 24 hours we were completely 'sold out' for our 8 scheduled Masses! A good problem to have, but unfortunately it also means that many of you will be unable to

attend Christmas Mass this year. For that we are truly sorry, but there were simply no other time slots that we could reasonably add. We will keep the ticket website up in case of cancellations - check it frequently to see if there are any new slots freed up to register. You will find registration information at [www.holycrossrc.com/Christmas](http://www.holycrossrc.com/Christmas) – thank you for understanding and for your cooperation!

### **Christmas Mass Online Schedule**

Christmas Eve at 5:00pm – Family Liturgy of the Word (not a Mass) and Christmas Morning at 6:00am – Christmas Mass

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent**

Advent is a traditional time for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. We would normally host an annual Penance Service, but due to gathering restrictions this year we will instead be adding more times to receive the Sacrament. Our regular times are Tues 6:00-6:30pm, and Sat 4:00-4:30pm. The extra times will be:

Sat, Dec 12 – 9:00am – 4:30pm (all day Confessions)

Fri, Dec 18 – 8:00am – 8:45am; 9:30am – 10:30am

Sat, Dec 19 – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tue, Dec 22 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please plan to receive the sacrament at one of these times. As we get closer to Christmas the priests get very busy, and it's not always possible to schedule a 'last minute' appointment for the Sacrament.

### **Sunday Missals for 2021**

Sunday Missals for Advent and Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, you may contact the Knights of Columbus at [fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca](mailto:fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca) to arrange home delivery of your book.

### **One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign - Update**

We continue to prepare to officially launch the *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign in the parish. We have several projects identified for our church, and we look forward to presenting them to you and asking your help to make them a reality! It's been a tough time for many and we certainly recognize that – we just ask that you prayerfully consider helping us in anyway that you can. We will be contacting you by mail and phone in phases over the coming weeks and months to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or comments you are always welcome to reach out to Fr. Dave by phone or email.

### **One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – Volunteers Needed!**

In order to assist with the Campaign, we require some help to make calls to fellow parishioners to answer any questions they may have. If you have time to make a few friendly phone calls to others in our parish family over the next few months, let Fr. Dave know by email at: [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com) or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6. Your assistance would be much appreciated!

### **Virtual' Children's Liturgy**

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

### **CWL News**

**Face Masks** - We have been contacted by a member of the Knights of Columbus, whose company is currently manufacturing customized face masks. The masks are 3-ply, reusable and washable, 100% knitted cotton, with an antimicrobial treatment, and will have the CWL crest. The cost is \$10.00 each. They are also available with adjustable ear loops – the cost for these is \$10.50 each. If you are interested in purchasing one (or more) of the masks, kindly call Leslie Rutherford at 905-877-1176. The money will need to be dropped off at her house. Orders with the manufacturer will be placed once there are a few people who have purchased them. Once the masks have been received, Leslie will call you to arrange for you to pick up the masks at her house.

**Membership** - Because of the quarantine restrictions imposed in March, there are still members who have not had an opportunity to pay their 2020 fees. However, in order to keep your CWL membership in good standing, and ensure that you

receive credit for this year's service, your 2020 membership fee must be paid by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 membership fee is **\$30**. If you are able, and still want to be an active member of the CWL, kindly mail a cheque, (no cash please) payable to the "Catholic Women's League" to: Catholic Women's League c/o Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyll Road, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5S6. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2020** membership year.

If you are paying for **2021**, and you are attending Mass, you will see a table set up in the Narthex close to where the 2021 boxed collection envelopes will be set out for users to pick up. Our beautiful CWL banner, Monsignor Sheridan's gift to our Council, will be present. On the table will be blue envelopes with CWL labels for you to pick up. Kindly return the blue envelopes with your payment inside (**\$30**) and your name and address clearly marked on the envelope. With Father Dave's kind permission, you can place the blue envelopes in the Offertory boxes located in the Narthex of the Church, where they will be sorted and given to the CWL executive. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving an envelope and you are able to return it on their behalf, please take an extra.

If you are not yet able to attend Mass, kindly mail a cheque (no cash please) payable to the "Catholic Women's League" to the same address as above, and specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2021** membership year.

Together, supporting each other, we are making it through a difficult time. Let's continue to do so, day by day. In the meantime, pick up the phone, and call someone you haven't seen in a while! Send an email or note to brighten someone's day! Say "I love you!" more often! THIS TOO SHALL PASS!

### **Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children - CLOSED!**

Please note that Dr. Simone's Mississauga warehouse is **closed until further notice**. We will be unable to accept items at the parish until the warehouse re-opens. Please watch the bulletin to find out when we will start accepting items again.

### **Registration for Grade 7s & 2s Receiving Sacraments this Year**

Registration is now open for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation for this year's grade 7 students and for the sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for this year's grade 2 students. For more information and to register your child to receive these sacrament this year, please enter your information at: [www.holycrossrc.com/sacraments](http://www.holycrossrc.com/sacraments) Please note you will need to upload your child's **baptismal certificate** in order to complete the registration if not baptized at Holy Cross. We look forward to celebrating this important sacrament with you this year!

### **Have You Moved Recently or Changed your Contact Info?**

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers or email address in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.



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