



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

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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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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

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416-505-4354

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905-702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 15 <i>Advent 3</i>	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 16		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 17	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	5 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17) † Theresa Dellar	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
WEDNESDAY December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) † Armino Jesus	
	6:30 - 8pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Cote Hall & Church
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, December 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) † Tony & Manuela Silva	
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Concert - John B. Miller & Friends	Church
FRIDAY, December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) (I) Cecile Buck † St. Anthony † Bernhard Scholz † Dan Curtis † Silvano Guidotti & deceased family members † Richard Valere & Lina & Monty deMontbrun	
SATURDAY, December 21	3 - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</i>	<i>Last opportunity before Christmas</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Vieira; Elisa & Filippo Mendaglio; Marica Bukovcan; Joao Caetano, Duarte Pacheco Costa & Manuel Francisco Costa; Evelyn & Michael Brannigan; Bento Borges; Doug Christensen; Mary Stone; Julia Botos.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Maria Albano.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • November 2019	\$ 40,145.80
Total number of regular envelopes – 1906	
Average envelope donation – \$17.77	
Building Fund	\$ 6,511.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 46,656.80

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CALLING ALL CHILDREN and parent volunteers who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant that will be performed at the 9:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass. Costumes are provided. Role assignments will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. REHEARSAL will take place on Wednesday, December 17 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Debbie Baker at dbaker@openaire.com or 416-936-9517 for further information or if you would like to participate but are unable to attend the role assignment meeting.

YEAR END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2019 donations in 2020. If you would like to make a "year-end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2019. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2020. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 23rd until Thursday, January 2nd. Messages will be monitored throughout the office closure. If there is a medical emergency requiring the ministry of a priest please call the parish at 905-873-1887 and press ext. 3 to reach Father Dave.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE

The Salvation Army needs your help to attend to the Kettles in many locations in Georgetown. It only requires 2 hours of your time. Please contact Emily Harman at 905-877-1374, ext. 103 or Joe Mlodozenec (Knights of Columbus) at 905-873-7772 for more information. Anyone over 18 is encouraged to help over the next 3 weeks. They really appreciate our support.

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.

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.*

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.

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.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE “STRATEGY”

As you know, at Christmas we have the opportunity to welcome large numbers of people at our Masses. If you wish to ‘strategically plan’ which Mass you want to attend, these observations from last year may be helpful:

Christmas Eve - December 24:

5pm – Church overflowing, standing room only

7pm – Church full, a few people standing

9pm – Church comfortably full

Midnight – Church comfortably full

Christmas Day - December 25:

9am – Church $\frac{3}{4}$ full

10:30am – Church full

2020 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2020 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriage outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

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