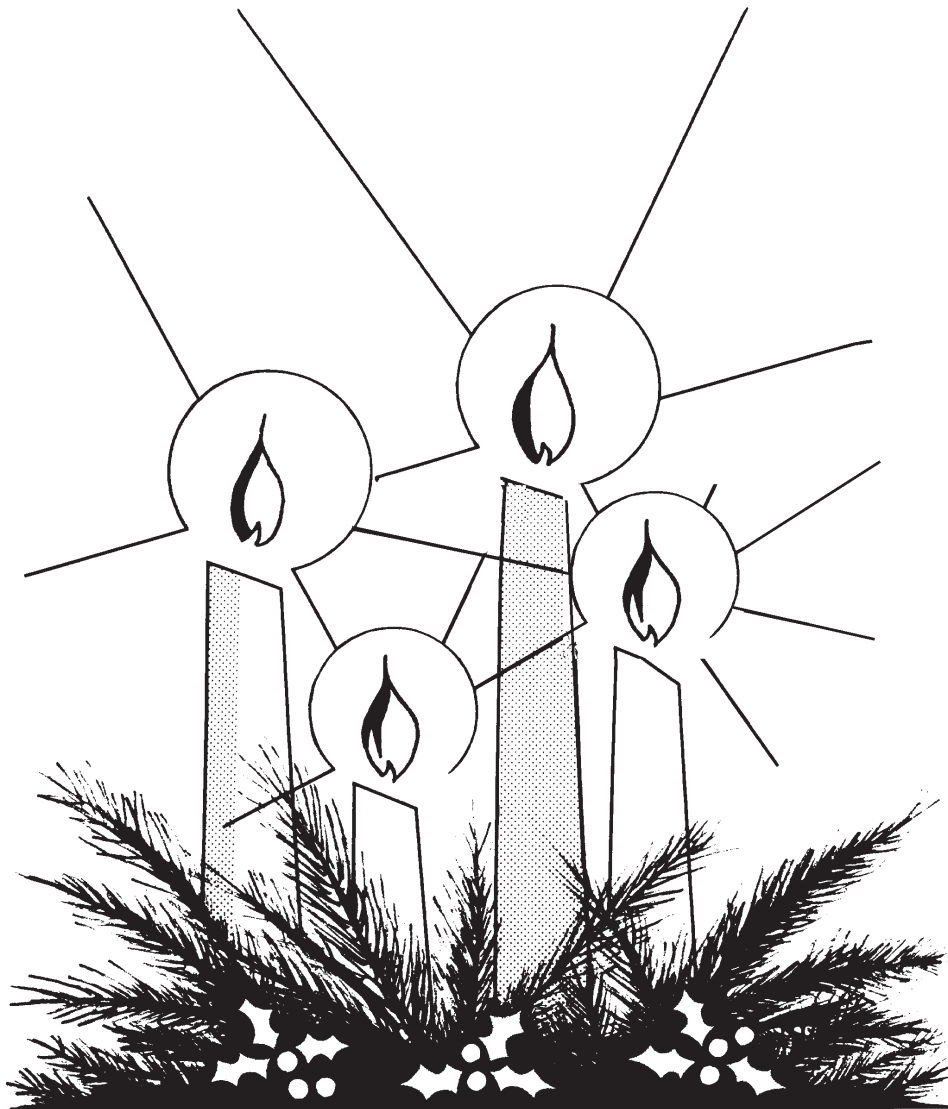


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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 19 <i>Advent 4</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, December 20		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 21	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Tom Ellard	
WEDNESDAY December 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Miguel Vieira	
THURSDAY, December 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Clarence & Madeline Varey	
CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, December 24	4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 10:00 p.m.; 12 midnight	Christmas Eve Mass	
CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, December 25	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the Everard Family.
		**** No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day ****	

From the Pastor's Desk

Unbelievably, we've arrived at our 4th week of Advent! With Christmas coming up next weekend, we will all be busy with many things in preparation. As I've been preaching about during Advent, let's also make sure we take time this week to prepare our hearts to commemorate the birth of our Lord. As the bumper sticker slogan reminds us, '*Jesus is the reason for the season*' – let's not forget that. I encourage you to carve out some time this week to spend some extra time in prayer, perhaps take some time to read the nativity story in both Matthew's and Luke's gospel (it's only a few chapters – it won't take long!), and really let the reality of Jesus' birth into our world sink in - that the God of the universe loves us so much that he became one of us through his son, so that we may be saved. Merry Christmas everyone!

Sunday Smile - Some Terrible (but funny!) Christmas Riddles

- What happened to the man who stole and Advent Calendar? He got 25 days ...
- Where do snowmen keep their money? In a snow bank...
- What's the difference between the regular alphabet and the Christmas alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has 'no-el', ...
- Why did Santa put a clock in his sleigh? Because he wanted to see time fly...
- What did Santa say to Mrs. Claus when he looked up in the sky? "Looks like rain-dear!"...
- What did the police officer say when he caught Frosty the Snowman stealing? "Freeze"...

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Last Opportunity Before Christmas

The last opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas will be: **Tuesday, December 21 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm**. If you wish to make a confession before Christmas, please come during this scheduled time. This is a busy week for Father and he will not be able to offer confession-by-appointment in this coming week.

Christmas Mass Registration

Due to the fact that we still have capacity restrictions in the church, you will need to register and obtain a ticket in order to participate in a Christmas Mass. Most of the Masses are currently full, but you can check for tickets should anyone cancel by following the link for registration from the main page of our parish website at: <https://holycrossrc.com>

Christmas Mass - Streaming at 6:00am

Please note that the Christmas Mass will also be streamed online starting at 6:00am on Christmas morning on our parish Facebook page and our Youtube channel.

Masses for Sunday, December 26th, 2021

The regular Sunday Mass schedule will be in place for December 26th - 9:00am; 10:30am and 12:00pm. Please note however that the **Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass will be CANCELLED this week as it falls on Christmas Day.**

Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

Serra Club of Hamilton

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis has recently announced that the theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*'. In preparation for their discussion at this meeting of the world's bishops, the Holy Father has asked for all Catholics to offer their input. Pope Francis said 'Celebrating the Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern*. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.' To offer your insights, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod>

Life Team - Halton Alive

Halton Alive, our local pro-life advocacy organization invites those interested to join their Parish Life Teams. Parish Life Teams commit themselves to creating an awareness and building the Culture of Life in their church community. If you are interested in joining our Life Team here at Holy Cross, please contact Marilaura Wall at wallmarilaura@gmail.com

'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!

Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 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 marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2022 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 2021 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website canadianfoodforchildren.net.

Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed

Morning & Lunch Hour Supervisors are needed for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a paid position with duties that include supervising students while they eat lunch in their classrooms, and during outdoor recess time. Interested applicants must have completed a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been dated within the last 6 months. **St. Catherine of Alexandria School 8:50 -9:20 a.m. and 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. daily** - contact Mr. Monaco (MonacoV@hcdsb.org) or Mr. Albani (AlbaniT@hcdsb.org)

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open with limited office hours. We will be open for in person visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Voice messages and emails are still being checked regularly. We will respond to any inquiries you may have as soon as they are received.

Knights of Columbus Cookie Sales

The Knights of Columbus are selling Shortbread Cookies after all Masses this weekend. The cookies are \$10 per box.

Links2Care

- 1.) Need help bathing? Links2care offers free PSW help for Halton Hills seniors and adults with disabilities. Contact 905-873-6502 or email info@links2care.ca
- 2.) Links2Care have partnered with The Lunch Lady to offer '*Supper on Wheels*' for seniors and adults with disabilities in Halton Hills. Tuesdays - only \$9.60. Gift certificates available. Contact 905-873-6502 or email info@links2care.ca

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