

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 David Wynen, Pastor Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant

Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 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 David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Women's League Mary Jo Jans, President (905) 873-4151

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS - NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Liturgy	Intention	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, December 25 • Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10 • Hebrews 1:1-6 • John 1:1-18	9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 26 • St. Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10; 8:54-59 • Matthew 10:17-22	No Mass	No Mass	Monsignor Vincent Kerr
TUESDAY, December 27 • St. John, apostle, evangelist 1 John 1-4 • John 20:2-8	No Mass	No Mass	Father Kevin Cull
WEDNESDAY, December 28 • Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 • Matthew 2:13-18	No Mass	No Mass	Discalced Carmelite Nuns, O.C.D.
THURSDAY, December 29 1 John 2:3-11 • Luke 2:22-35	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Danny Jackman	Father Edward Hughes
FRIDAY, December 30 • Feast of the Holy Family Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 • Colossians 3:12-21 • Luke 2:22-40	8:00 a.m. Mass	ੳ Siena Van Hoekelen ੳ John Halovanic ੳ Vincent Fitzpatrick	Father Daniel Miehm
SATURDAY, December 31 • New Year's Eve	5:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Mark Morley
SANCTUARY LAMP This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the MacPhee Family.			,

CHRISTMAS BREAK OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close on Friday, December 23rd at 12:00 Noon and will re-open on Monday, January 2nd at 12 Noon. Telephone messages will be checked regularly during that time.

2011 DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Please note that donations eligible for a 2011 tax receipt must be received by the parish on or before *December 31st*, 2011. Tax receipts for envelope users, pre-authorized debits and other identified donations will be sent out before the end of February.

ROMAN MISSAL

It has been nearly one month since the Catholic Church, in the English-speaking world, began using the new English translation of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal. We are working our way through some of the new expressions and responses. One to be attentive to is the response to the priest's invitation, Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. The people <u>stand</u> and say, *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and <u>the good of all his holy Church.</u>*

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

New Year's Day is the liturgical feast of Mary under her most important title, *Mother of God*. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in Canada. Mass will be celebrated at the following times at Holy Cross:

Saturday, December 31st, 2011 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2012

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Please note that there is $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$ 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, January 1^{st} .

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped to make our first Christmas in our new parish church such a memorable and joyful experience. Thanks to the decorators, musicians, servers, readers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and to those who assisted with the Pageant. Your time and talent are truly appreciated. Thanks also for the many kind gifts I received these Christmas days - your kindness and generosity is humbling. May the new born King fill your hearts with joy and faith!

Father Dave

DECEMBER 25, 2011



Bishop Crosby's Christmas 2011 Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christmas music moves the soul! Year after year, I have listened to many Christmas carols over and over again; several have become my favourites and give me great pleasure and peace! The many wonderful choirs throughout the Diocese of Hamilton make special efforts to assure that the music sung at Christmas Masses is their very best offering of the year. You who come to our parishes to celebrate Christmas liturgies and listen to the music are never disappointed!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News of God's love, is joyfully proclaimed through such beautiful music. In the midst of your hectic schedules, with all the worries and concerns you carry every day, I encourage you to stop every now and then during this season of peace to listen to a Christmas carol or hymn from beginning to end. Allow it to carry you to that inner place where you meet the Lord.

Each year we celebrate the birth of Jesus anew. We recall the remarkable story of his birth in Bethlehem, and we are moved to recognize his birth each day in our lives and in our world - through acts of compassion, goodness and love. Having received the Body and Blood of Christ at Christmas Mass, we are sent out to do what He did by our good works.

Revel in the music, recognize acts of kindness when you see them, be generous in your care for others, and know that through it all, Jesus Christ moves us to an ever deeper awareness of his love for us and for all!

May you have a blessed Christmas and joy throughout the New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

♣ Douglas, OMIThe Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMIBishop of Hamilton

From Father Dave ...

Dear friends, it has been a momentous year at Holy Cross Parish. On February 6th we solemnly said farewell to our former worship space on Maple Avenue and one week later, on Sunday, February 13th a joyful celebration marked the dedication and blessing of the new Holy Cross. Since that beautiful day we have celebrated the "firsts" - baptism, wedding, funeral, Confirmation, Easter, first Communion Masses, and now our first Christmas. My thanks to all our parishioners who have worked hard to help in achieving all that has been accomplished, we pray now that the Lord will continue this good work He has begun among us.

Holy Cross Parish is a growing and vibrant community of faith. Our many volunteers help to make it home for us all. Thanks to the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, and the many other organizations that work within our parish to help us grow in our faith and service.

Since Bishop Crosby solemnly opened our new parish church we have welcomed 146 new Catholics through the waters of Baptism; eighteen couples have made vows to one another before the Altar in the Sacrament of Marriage; and 47 members of our parish were sent home to God in the Rites of Christian Burial.

May our Parish community and our new Church be an ever brighter sign of God's presence in our community. May these walls resound with praise of God and our hearts with loving service.

In the Triumph of the Holy Cross, Father David Wynen, Pastor

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