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Feast of the Holy Family

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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 26 <i>Holy Family</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, December 27		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 28 <i>Holy Innocents</i>	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	7:00 p.m.	No Mass	
WEDNESDAY December 29	9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
THURSDAY, December 30	9:00 a.m.	No Mass	
<i>New Year's Eve</i> FRIDAY, December 31	5:00 p.m.	Mass - The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
<i>New Year's Day</i> SATURDAY, January 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass - The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Loretta & Reg Durdle.
		***** No 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day *****	

From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas everyone! We follow up the joy of celebrating our Lord's birth yesterday with the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday! The joy of these great feast days surrounding Christmas should bring us great joy – even amidst the ever-present pandemic around us – we should take solace in our faith, allow the joy of the newborn king to fill our hearts, and try for a time to block out the uncertainties of our world and focus on the peace that our Lord wants to bring to our life. We can never forget what's central – we can't forget 'the main thing', because as Christians our faith and hope are in a Saviour that asks us to trust him. Even in the darkest moments of our lives the light of Christ is always there to flood in if we're willing to open the windows of our souls, even just a crack. Christ can work with that! Merry Christmas everyone, and a blessed Feast of the Holy Family!

Thank You!

A big thank you is in order for our parish volunteers this Christmas and all year around! We have so many people involved in assisting at Mass as well as the many other ministries 'in the background.' You help the parish in so many ways that it's impossible to imagine our community without your assistance. Even with the challenges caused by pandemic protocols, so many of you have stepped up to help things go smoothly. Fr. Dave and your Holy Cross family thanks you in abundance!

Sunday Smile

After Mass, eight-year old Johnny said to the priest: 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.' 'Well, thank you,' the priest replied, 'but why?' 'Because my father says that you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.'

FORMED - The Catholic Faith, On Demand

FORMED is the 'Catholic Netflix' - an online streaming service that offers quality Catholic content for the whole family - from children's programming to faith-formation to religious movies and downloadable e-books. Our parish has been offered 40 annual subscriptions by an anonymous donor, free of charge! (The subscription cost is usually \$9.99/month). If you would like a free subscription, send your email to Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com

Masses for Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

The regular Sunday Mass schedule will be in place for Sunday, January 2nd - 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 New Year's Day**, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed until Tuesday, January 4th. Voice messages and emails will be checked regularly. 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 Fr. Dave.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

January 1st is a *Holy Day of Obligation* for Catholics in Canada which means that the obligation to attend Mass is the same as if it were a regular Sunday. On this first day of the new year we celebrate Mary under her principal title *Mother of God*. It is also the *World Day of Prayer for Peace*. At Holy Cross our Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Year End Donations

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2021 donations in 2022. If you would like to make a "year-end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2021. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2022. Thank you.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022

Boxed sets of 2022 envelopes are available for pick up this weekend. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2022 were mailed last week to current users - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

Have You Moved Recently?

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

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>

'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!

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.

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

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.

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 www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

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

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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