

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

| Date  | Time                                  | Holy Mass   | Parish Meetings                        |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| SUNDAY,<br>December 28<br><i>Holy Family</i>                        | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.<br>12:00 noon | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish<br>(Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40)   |  |
| MONDAY,<br>December 29  |                                       | No Mass   |  |
|   | 6:30 p.m.                             |   | 9am Choir Rehearsal - <i>CANCELLED</i> |
| TUESDAY,<br>December 30   | 9:00 a.m.                             | Daily Mass (1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40)<br>(I) Ellen MacKinnon  |  |
|   | 6:00 p.m.                             | Holy Hour - <i>CANCELLED</i>  |  |
|   | 6 - 6:30 p.m.                         | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - <i>CANCELLED</i>   |  |
|   | 6:30 p.m.                             |   | FAMILY SKATE at MoldMasters            |
| WEDNESDAY,<br>December 31<br><i>New Years' Eve</i>                  | 5:00 p.m.                             | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God<br>(Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)  |  |
| THURSDAY,<br>January 1<br><i>New Year's Day</i>                     | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.               | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God<br>(Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)  |  |
| FRIDAY,<br>January 2<br><i>St. Basil &amp; St. Gregory, Bishops</i> | 9:00 a.m.                             | Daily Mass (1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28)<br>† Jim Warden<br>† Steven Brady<br>† Betty O'Hanlon   |  |
| SATURDAY,<br>January 3  | 4 - 4:30 p.m.                         | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  |  |
|   | 5:00 p.m.                             | Vigil Mass - Epiphany of the Lord<br><i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i><br>Albina Clarizio; Bento Borges; George & Nina Busuttill;<br>Mary Carey; Rosina Tassone. Intentions of Geraldine O'Connor |  |

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the Deceased Members of the Ron Gillis Family.

### COLLECTION REPORT

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Regular Collection • December 7         | \$ 9,605.00         |
| Total number of regular envelopes – 458 |                     |
| Average envelope donation – \$18.36     |                     |
| Building Fund                           | \$ 400.00           |
| Regular Collection • Dec. 14 & Pre-Auth | \$17,007.00         |
| Total number of regular envelopes – 554 |                     |
| Average envelope donation – \$17.39     |                     |
| Building Fund                           | \$ 6,031.00         |
| <b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>         | <b>\$ 33,043.00</b> |

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> for skating and hot chocolate and coffee. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after Masses on the weekend of December 20/21. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

### MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

#### *A heartfelt expression of thanks*

On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent greetings, cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your generosity and kindness, and I rejoice in the blessing of serving you throughout the coming year. I cannot recall a time as a priest when I felt more at home and joyful of heart! I assure you of my prayers each morning before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Christmas season be a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones. A special word of thanks is extended to all who helped to celebrate Christmas with such reverence and gracious dignity. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully. Thanks to the choirs, children's liturgy leaders, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ministers of hospitality.

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We call to mind that the Son of God was born into a human family, and it was within this family that He was loved and nurtured. The Holy Family is a model for all families. May each family of this parish be rooted in the prayerfulness and generosity of the members of the Holy Family. The familiarity of family life can sometimes blind us from seeing and appreciating the goodness in each other. Families grow in strength when each person in the family – from grandparents to the youngest child – is treasured as a unique and irreplaceable gift.

### *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day, is observed as a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Catholics have a solemn obligation to worship at Mass on this day. Hopefully, we are motivated to respond to this obligation out of love for Mary, who always leads us into the heart of her beloved Son. On this day, we give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and the spiritual mother of all the faithful. The scriptural basis for this Solemnity is found in the Gospel of John, chapter 19. While dying on the cross, Jesus told the beloved disciple, who represents each one of us, "Behold your mother."

**Masses will be celebrated on**

**New Year's Eve at 5:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

### *Outdoor Hockey*

Over the Christmas holidays and further along the winter months, please know that I would be delighted to join you for some hockey if you have a backyard rink, pond (preferably one that is frozen over!) or other area where you will be gathering to play. Feel free to contact me at the parish office if you or your family are planning some outdoor fun.

### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Each year at this time we look at making some resolutions ... perhaps getting more exercise or spending more time with family ... these are important decisions and we ask God's help with them. It's also a good time to make some *spiritual resolutions*. We might consider spending more time in prayer each day, working on a daily act (or many acts) of kindness toward others, participating at weekday Mass. It is important to do something and follow through in the coming year.

### **LOOKING BACK AT 2014**

Thanks to our Parish Staff and the many volunteers who make Holy Cross Parish such a welcoming and vibrant community of faith. This past calendar year has been a busy one. The following statistics tell part of the story of our pastoral life:

Registered families 3,345

Baptisms of infants 156

Adult Reception into Full Communion 4

First Communions 213

Confirmations 224

Marriages 16

Deaths 44

We have over 300 people involved in our Sunday ministries - *Choirs, Children's Liturgy, Ministers of the Word, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ministers of Hospitality*. Many others volunteer on various committees and other groups in the parish.

### **Mother Teresa's Anyway Poem**

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of  
selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false  
friends and some true enemies;  
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could  
destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may  
never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you  
and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

**Good words to live by!**

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