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## Feast of the Holy Family

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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 29 <i>Holy Family</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23)	
MONDAY, December 30		No Mass	
<i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i> , TUESDAY, December 31	5:00 p.m.	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)	
<i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i> , WEDNESDAY, January 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)	
THURSDAY, January 2		Daily Mass (1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28) † Karyna Joseph	
	7:30 p.m.		Baptism Prep - Cote Hall
FRIDAY, January 3		Daily Mass (1 John 2.29, 3.1-6; John 1.29-34) † Richard Valere & Lina & Monty de Montbrun † Vincenza Scaglione † St. Joseph for sick & dying (I) In thanksgiving for Raymond Arsenault	
SATURDAY, January 4	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Epiphany of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bob O'Gorman; George & Nina Busuttill; Eugenia Kostyshyn; Gord Hart; Marina & Dionicio Mateo; Armanda Tavares.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Beth Brown.

### Thank You!

A special thank you to all of those who have made our worship over this Advent and Christmas season so beautiful. To our choirs that have worked so hard in rehearsals and in leading our worship - **Thank You!** To all of our decorators - **Thank You!** For all of those involved in our Children's Pageant - **Thank You!** For all of our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Ushers, Collection Counters, Schedule Makers and staff who go above and beyond all year around - **Thank You!** To all those working with HELPS, CWL, KofC, Health and Wellness, Pastoral/Communion Visitors, and Youth Group - **thank you** so much for all of the outreach that you have coordinated! To all of those I have forgotten to mention specifically - **Thank you!** All of your service is truly an imitation of Jesus himself! And for all of you who faithfully support our parish through your prayers, presence, service, and financial gifts, **Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!** - Fr. Dave

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### **And, another Thank You!**

I also want to offer a thank you for all of the cards and gifts that you have sent my way this Christmas season. Not necessary and not expected, but much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of me! - Fr. Dave

### **COLLECTION REPORT**

Regular Collection • December 15	\$ 10,527.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 361	
Average envelope donation – \$22.56	
Building Fund	\$ 925.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 11,452.00</b>

### **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 until Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for PEACE

January 1<sup>st</sup> 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: New Year's Eve - 5:00 p.m.; New Year's Day - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### 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.

### GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Father David Walter and our hospital visitors make regular visits to the sick in the Georgetown Hospital. Kindly be sure to identify yourself as a Catholic so that your name can be given to us when we visit. Please note that the *Sacrament of the Sick* can be received at any time of serious illness or before surgery. If you, or a family member, are homebound due to illness please inform the parish office. Arrangements can be made for the reception of Holy Communion, home visits and the assistance of our parish nurse.

### BAPTISMS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with children when at least one parent is a Catholic. Parents and godparents are called to take up the practice of the faith if this has been lacking. You are the "first teachers" of your children in the faith and we pray that you will be the best of teachers! For serious family reasons, permission may be given for Baptism to be celebrated in another Catholic parish, or to celebrate Baptism with families from outside our parish. Arrangements for Baptism can be made before the child is born. We ask new parents to participate in a *Baptism Preparation Meeting* (generally the first Thursday of each month). It would be fine to participate in this meeting before the child is born. Godparents are welcome to attend the meeting if they are able. A "godparent" is a fully initiated Roman Catholic - meaning that they are baptized, confirmed and regularly practising their Catholic faith. Baptized non-Catholics may act as a *Christian Witness* along with a Catholic godparent.

### 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.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information please contact Marion Vito at 905-873-6390.

### 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.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Boxed sets of 2020 envelopes are available for pick up after all Masses. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2020 were mailed out last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

### LOW IMPACT EXERCISE

Would you like to enhance your physical and mental well-being in a friendly, supportive environment? If so, welcome to our Low Impact Exercises conducted by a certified fitness instructor at St. John's United, 11 Guelph Street, Georgetown! These one hour, \$3 pay-as-you-go, physical exercise sessions are held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 10:10 a.m. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, rubber-soled shoes and bring your own water bottle and weights. If you would like more information, please contact our parish Nurse Theresa Scholz at 905-873-1887, ext. 5.

### PALLIATIVE CARE

**Are you caring for a loved one? Are they in need of palliative care? Do you have questions?** A committee of experts, in various related fields, came together to answer possible questions that are often raised at this difficult time in a person's life. Find the answers to important questions at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care) or for further assistance call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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