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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 Noon

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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 noon\*\*  
(\*\*Please note Mass time changes)

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**  
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 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** - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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905-877-1176  
Michele Meitz, Co-President  
416-505-4354

### Knights of Columbus

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905-873-6455

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### Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

### Saint Catherine School

905-702-8001

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 6 Advent 2	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8) <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, December 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26) † Deceased members of the Muscat family	
TUESDAY, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38) † Chris Macewan	
WEDNESDAY, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † Jeanette Brown	
THURSDAY, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15) † Jean Louis Landry	
FRIDAY, December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 9.11.16-19) † Jose & Ilda DeMelo † Dario Medina & Miryam Pareja † Michael Sibley † Holy Souls	
SATURDAY, December 12	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Stoyles; deceased members of the Sante & Testa families; Luke Chin-Leung; Theresa Scholz; Raffaele Vito Ruffo; Steve Bodnar; Blair Roedding.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill..

### From the Pastor's Desk

With the lighting of the second candle on our Advent wreath this week we're reminded of our movement toward the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. It is a time to prepare our hearts, and to focus and reflect on God's love for us - that he would send his Son into our world to be one like us in every way but sin. As John the Baptist tells us in today's gospel, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." This truly is a remarkable statement - none of us are worthy to have had the Son of God be born into our world, yet he was - out of love for us. Let's continue to grow closer to him over these next few weeks so that we can welcome our new born King with open arms at Christmas.

Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

### Christmas Masses – Registration Information

Due to capacity restrictions we are required this year to have you register to come to a Christmas Mass in order to control our numbers. You are asked to register for your free ticket online for the Mass you wish to attend. You will then show that ticket (on your phone or a printout) to one of our ushers to gain admission to the church at Christmas. We are sorry – but if you show up without a ticket at Christmas, you will be turned away at the door. Tickets are now available. Each email address will be allowed to register for 5 tickets. You will find registration information at [www.holycrossrc.com/Christmas](http://www.holycrossrc.com/Christmas) – thank you for

understanding and for your cooperation!

### Christmas Mass Registration (For those that don't have computers)

The process of registering will be easiest for both you and the parish if you register online, however we do recognize that there are some of our parishioners that do not use a computer. If this is your situation, ask someone to register for you. If that is still not possible, call the office sometime after December 5th and we will register for you manually.

### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times this year will be: Dec 24 – 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 12am; Dec 25 – 9am, 10:30am. As mentioned above, you will be required to register if you wish to come. If demand is high, we will look at adding more Christmas Masses.

### Christmas Mass Online Schedule

Christmas Eve at 5:00pm – Family Liturgy of the Word (not a Mass) and Christmas Morning at 6:00am – Christmas Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

Advent is a traditional time for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. We would normally host an annual Penance Service, but due to gathering restrictions this year we will instead be adding more times to receive the Sacrament. Our regular times are Tues 6:00-6:30pm, and Sat 4:00-4:30pm.

## DECEMBER 6, 2020

The extra times will be:

Sat, Dec 12 – 9:00am – 4:30pm (all day Confessions)

Fri, Dec 18 – 8:00am – 8:45am; 9:30am – 10:30am

Sat, Dec 19 – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tue, Dec 22 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please plan to receive the sacrament at one of these times. As we get closer to Christmas the priests get very busy, and it's not always possible to schedule a 'last minute' appointment for the Sacrament.

### Toonies for Turkeys

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting 'Toonies for Turkey's' after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds will be donated to the Georgetown Breadbasket Food Bank to assist with providing food for those in need this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### Sunday Missals for 2021

Sunday Missals for Advent and Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, you may contact the Knights of Columbus at [fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca](mailto:fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca) to arrange home delivery of your book.

### One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign - Update

We continue to prepare to officially launch the *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign in the parish. We have several projects identified for our church, and we look forward to presenting them to you and asking your help to make them a reality! It's been a tough time for many and we certainly recognize that – we just ask that you prayerfully consider helping us in anyway that you can. We will be contacting you by mail and phone in phases over the coming weeks and months to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or comments you are always welcome to reach out to Fr. Dave by phone or email.

### One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – Volunteers Needed!

In order to assist with the Campaign, we require some help to make calls to fellow parishioners to answer any questions they may have. If you have time to make a few friendly phone calls to others in our parish family over the next few months, let Fr. Dave know by email at: [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com) or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6. Your assistance would be much appreciated!

### 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!

### Holy Cross HELPS

This weekend there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. This collection allows HELPS to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas. Envelopes are available in the Narthex

of the church for this special Christmas assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

### CWL News

**Face Masks** - We have been contacted by a member of the Knights of Columbus, whose company is currently manufacturing customized face masks. The masks are 3-ply, reusable and washable, 100% knitted cotton, with an antimicrobial treatment, and will have the CWL crest. The cost is \$10.00 each. They are also available with adjustable ear loops – the cost for these is \$10.50 each. If you are interested in purchasing one (or more) of the masks, kindly call Leslie Rutherford at 905-877-1176. The money will need to be dropped off at her house. Orders with the manufacturer will be placed once there are a few people who have purchased them. Once the masks have been received, Leslie will call you to arrange for you to pick up the masks at her house.

**Membership** - Because of the quarantine restrictions imposed in March, there are still members who have not had an opportunity to pay their 2020 fees. However, in order to keep your CWL membership in good standing, and ensure that you receive credit for this year's service, your 2020 membership fee must be paid by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 membership fee is **\$30**. If you are able, and still want to be an active member of the CWL, kindly mail a cheque, (no cash please) payable to the "Catholic Women's League" to: Catholic Women's League c/o Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyll Road, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5S6. Please specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2020** membership year.

If you are paying for **2021**, and you are attending Mass, you will see a table set up in the Narthex close to where the 2021 boxed collection envelopes will be set out for users to pick up. Our beautiful CWL banner, Monsignor Sheridan's gift to our Council, will be present. On the table will be blue envelopes with CWL labels for you to pick up. Kindly return the blue envelopes with your payment inside (**\$30**) and your name and address clearly marked on the envelope. With Father Dave's kind permission, you can place the blue envelopes in the Offertory boxes located in the Narthex of the Church, where they will be sorted and given to the CWL executive. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving an envelope and you are able to return it on their behalf, please take an extra.

If you are not yet able to attend Mass, kindly mail a cheque (no cash please) payable to the "Catholic Women's League" to the same address as above, and specify on the cheque that you are paying for the **2021** membership year.

Together, supporting each other, we are making it through a difficult time. Let's continue to do so, day by day. In the meantime, pick up the phone, and call someone you haven't seen in a while! Send an email or note to brighten someone's day! Say "I love you!" more often! THIS TOO SHALL PASS!

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