

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 K. Cull, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barb 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. (Resumes October 20, 2013)

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - 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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 8 Advent 2	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-9; Matthew 3.1-12)	
MONDAY, December 9 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38) (I) Holy Cross Parish	
	6:45 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members
TUESDAY, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † J.L. Landry	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † Kevin Soares	
	7:30 p.m.		K of C General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † Patrick Stoyles	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas</i>	10:00 a.m. At Church	St. Catherine School Mass (Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.42-44) † Rudy Koren	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Ilda & Jose De Melo † Mary Valade † Bronislava Walczyk & Tadeusz Walczyk	
SATURDAY, December 14	4 - 4:30 p.m	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Artur & Maria deFraga; Gilberto, Joao & Jose Luis Pacheco; Verginio de Sousa; Frank Gillis; Hermano Almeida; Manuel Batista	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Nicola Varricchio.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 24	\$ 8,163.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 455	
Average envelope donation – \$16.13	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 245.00
Holy Cross HELPS	\$ 4,884.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 13,292.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE

All Knights of Columbus are invited to join us for our Wine & Cheese Social on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. For more details contact Faithful Navigator, Eric Stone at 905-877-8211.

CHILI AND THEATRE FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, March 1st, 2014** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School and then enjoy a Musical Evening in the CtK Theatre. The **"BLACK FAMILY"** will be there to entertain. They are a Musical Family with a **"Celtic Flare."** Two hundred tickets will be available for the Dinner and Theatre and 100 tickets for the Theatre only. Watch for more information in the New Year. For information contact Marie at 905-873-9480 or Jane at 905-877-7226.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on Monday, December 30th for skating and hot chocolate and coffee. Due to the great feedback from previous family skates we have once again rented a rink at Mold Masters 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 weekends of December 7/8 and December 14/15. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

HYMN BOOKS

We are missing several copies of our *Catholic Book of Worship III* and our *Celebrate in Song* hymnals from the pews. If you have a copy of these hymnals at home please return them to the church. Thank you.

CHILDREN AT MASS

What a great joy it is to have so many children and families at our parish Masses - it is a wonderful sign of our future as a parish. Sometimes the little ones get a little excited. If this happens, parents may wish to bring their children to the Narthex until they calm down. If toys are necessary - quiet and soft toys are preferred. Thanks to our parents for bringing their children to Mass ... sometimes it's a struggle, but then each stage of parenting brings its own challenges. The regular participation in Sunday Mass will help form our children as followers of the Risen Lord.

BATHROOM VISITS

We are experiencing some minor vandalism in the church bathrooms. Parents are kindly asked to ensure their children are supervised on any trips to the bathrooms.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Mass will be offered this Monday at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, may we treasure and ponder all the blessings that we have received from the Lord.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Christmas Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms will be available in the narthex this weekend for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas Season.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014

Boxed sets of 2014 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 8, 15, & 22. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2014 will be mailed in the coming days - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on December 7/8 and December 14/15. This is an annual fundraiser in support of Campaign Life Coalition's pro-life/respect life work to have no abortions allowed in Canada. The Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass to assist you.

VOCATION OFFICE

Young men between the ages of 17 - 40 who are thinking about the priesthood are invited to join our upcoming Andrew dinner being held at St. Paul the Apostle church rectory on December 14 starting at 7pm. If you wish to attend please register by contacting Fr. Cull or Fr. Kuzma, Vocation Director, at www.vocationinfo.ca

CHRISTMAS 2013

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; and from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is the final scheduled time for Confession before Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, December 24th, 2013

Carols will be sung before each Mass.

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass (with Incense)

Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, December 25th, 2013

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (with children's pageant)

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

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