



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

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SUNDAY MASSES

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**12:00 noon September to June)

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

Catholic Women's League

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

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905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 8 <i>Advent 2</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-9; Matthew 3.1-12)	
MONDAY, December 9		No Mass	
	7:00 p.m.	Advent & Christmas Hymns with Parish Choirs	Church
TUESDAY, December 10	<u>10:00 a.m. at School</u>	St. Brigid School Mass † James Wallace	
	2:00 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Mtg. - "The Sands"
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † Gordon Lane	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Meeting - Cote Hall
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
WEDNESDAY December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † J.L. Landry	
	<u>10:00 a.m. at School</u>	St. Catherine of Alexandria School Mass † Pamela Pyne	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, December 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47) † Elisa Cintani, Vincenzo Testa, Sante Testa, Francisco Vallecoccia, & Maria Testa	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rhrl. - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Ilda & Jose DeMelo † Mike Sherlock † Jean Falzon † Christine Biggs (I) Lisa Morrison (I) Margarida Pavao	
	7:00 p.m.		Crosspoint Jr. & Sr. - Cote Hall
SATURDAY, December 14	<u>12 noon - 4:45 p.m.</u>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Extended hours with several priests available until 3:00 p.m.</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Stoyles; Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Sons; Manuel & Joao Araujo & Family; Eduardo & Maria Estevan, Grace & Joe Almeida & Amador Martins; Sebastian & Valerie Aguiar; Cornelius Green; Maria Vieira Tirano & Frank Tirano; Lenoard Fry; Holy Souls.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the deOliviera and Pavao families.

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 are available in the narthex 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CALLING ALL CHILDREN and parent volunteers who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant that will be performed at the 9:00 a.m. Christmas morning

Mass. Costumes are provided. Role assignments will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Debbie Baker at 416-936-9517 or dbaker@openaire.com for further information or if you would like to participate but are unable to attend the role assignment meeting.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE

The Salvation Army needs your help to attend to the Kettles in many locations in Georgetown. It only requires 2 hours of your time. Please contact Emily Harman at 905-877-1374, ext. 103 or Joe Mlodozenec (Knights of Columbus) at 905-873-7772 for more information. Anyone over 18 is encouraged to help over the next 3 weeks. They really appreciate our support.

SONGS OF ADVENT CONCERT

John B. Miller and Friends

We are excited to be hosting the *John B. Miller and Friends* Advent Concert this year at Holy Cross on **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Including an impressive light show, this group of talented musicians does a number of dates throughout southern Ontario each year, offering an evening of reflective music for the Advent season. It's a beautiful way of preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord! To learn more, you can visit their website at www.johnbmiller.ca. The concert is open to all, with free-will offerings accepted if you wish.

PARISH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us on **Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.** as all of our parish choirs present an evening of Advent and Christmas hymns. There is no charge for this night. A free-will offering will be forwarded to Holy Cross HELPS to support their work within the community, and to help families in need this Christmas.

EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington, 4072 New Street in Burlington on Sunday, December 8th starting at 7:00 p.m. Choral preludes begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 7:15 p.m. There will be a Free-Will offering in support of St. Raphael's Parish.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - Winter Schedule

Hope you all had a wonderful summer! I am starting to work on the new Winter Schedule running from January 4 - March 29, 2020. Please let me know the dates you will be UNAVAILABLE during this period. A reminder there will be a sign up for Christmas and New Year's Masses posted in the narthex for December 7/8 and 14/15. Servers or Readers who are home from University are invited to please feel free to sign up to help over Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to sign up.

Once again if you are serving at a Saturday or Sunday Mass please endeavour to arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass starting and remember to sign in on the Ministries Sign In Sheet in the sacristy. Thank you for your Sunday Ministry to the Altar. *Blessings, Marie Simpson, Co-ordinator of Sunday Ministries.*

TOONIES FOR TURKEYS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting toonies and loonies on Sunday, December 8th & 15th to be donated to the Georgetown Breadbasket. Last year at Christmas, parishioners generously gave \$3,000.00. This money will help the less fortunate in our community to enjoy something special over the Christmas Season, like a turkey or ham. Thanks in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

Please note the extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent:

Tuesdays from 6pm – 6:30pm and Saturdays from 4pm – 4:30pm as usual

***** Sat, Dec 14th - Confessions from 12:00pm – 4:45pm (several priests until 3pm)*****

Tuesday, December 17 – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 21 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (last opportunity before Christmas)

There will also be a Penance Celebration at **Holy Rosary Church in Milton** on **Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** with several priests available for Confessions throughout the evening until about 9:00 p.m.

HALTON ALIVE

Help spread the good cheer through the Halton Alive Candy Canes for Life campaign! Throughout December we will distribute 5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming message and candy canes. Volunteers needed: Participate as a family, friend group, youth group or church group. Each kit will have all the materials and instructions you need. Sign-up for your free kit today. Sign-up online at www.haltionalive.ca/ccflvolunteers or contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232.

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