

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

Monsignor Edward Sheridan, Administrator email: esheridan@hamiltondiocese.com

Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mr. Dino Arsenault, Maintenance Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse Ms. Rachael de Souza, Youth Minister 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 9 Advent 12	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.36, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6)	
MONDAY, December 10		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 11	10:00 a.m. at Church	St. Brigid School Mass † Michael Solano	
	2:30 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Meeting - Sac. Heart
	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) † Phyllis Pickett	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY December 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47)	
	10:00 a.m. at School	St. Francis of Assisi School Advent Mass † Carmela Santaluce	
	4:00 p.m.		Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15)	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir - St. Cecilia Room
FRIDAY, December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Silvano Guidotti & deceased family members † Elisa Centani & Vincenzo Testa † Artur & Jose Raposo & Anunciacao Matos † Holy Souls	
	5:30 p.m.	CROSSPOINT & Jr. CROSSPOINT - Christmas Carolling	Bennett Centre (to 7:15 p.m.)
SATURDAY, December 15	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Eduardo & Maria Estevan, Grace & Joe Almeida & Amador & Adelaide Martins; Nicola Varricchio; Bento Borges; Lenoard Fry; Mirko & Mary Maric; Joao Caetano Costa, Duarte & Manuel Francisco Costa	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Giuseppina Minichillo.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • November 25 \$7,404.40

Total number of regular envelopes — 402

Average envelope donation — \$17.01

Building Fund \$210.00

Holy Cross HELPS \$6,839.85

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS \$14,454.25

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 Mass during the Christmas Season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Toonies for Turkeys offerings for the Georgetown Bread Basket will be collected in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekends of December 8/9 and December 15/16. These donations help the food bank with their heightened cash needs through the Christmas Season.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2019 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 2018 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

Once again, Pieta Council Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cakes after all Masses. The price for a large cake is \$25 and for a small cake \$18. All proceeds from the sale of these cakes go to Campaign Life Coalition. Please purchase one or more of these cakes to help support Campaign Life Coalition.

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m. We will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year, but all parishioners are invited to come to remember their own family and friends who have died over the years. Following the Mass there will be a light reception in Cote Hall. Please RSVP to Theresa Scholz at 905-873-1887, ext. 5

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Holy Cross Social Committee invites you to a Family Movie Afternoon on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. We will be showing "The Santa Claus." Come out and enjoy some freshly baked goods and refreshments. This is a free family event.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

I am starting to work on the NEW SCHEDULE which will start on January 5/6, 2019 to April 6/7, 2019. If you are not available to serve during this time period please let me know at mariebridgetsimpson@gmail.com or call 905-873-9480. If you would like to change your Mass Preference please let me know. REMINDER: There will be a SIGN UP for the Christmas and New Year's Masses posted in the Narthex the weekends of December 1st/2nd and 8th/9th. Please sign up as we will need many Ministers

to cover all the Masses. Thank you for your commitment to Minister of the Altar. Marie Simpson, Co-Ordinator of Sunday Ministries.

EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES

Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The sacrament is available every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional Advent Reconciliation times: Friday, December 14th from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon; Saturday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 18th from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 19th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Several priests available); Saturday, December 22nd from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of St. Joseph of our Diocese are in the process of downsizing. In so doing they sent to the Chancery Office a variety of liturgical vessels, (chalices, ciboria, monstrances, candle sticks, etc.). It fell upon me to find a home for these items so Holy Cross Church will become the home of a chalice given to the Sisters in 1921 as well as a ceremonial basin and bowl. The refinishing of the items has taken place and soon they will be on display in the ambry with the Holy Oils. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the restoration of these items I will be happy to share with you the details. *Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan, PH.*

CROSSPOINT: Grades 9-12

Friday, December 14th Carolling at the Bennett Centre from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. This year for our annual Christmas party, we are going off grounds to the Bennett Centre where we will sing carols, meet the residents, and spread some Christmas cheer! No musical experience necessary, but if possible, please join us on Wednesday, December 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in Cote Hall for a practice!

Jr. CROSSPOINT: Grades 6 - 8

Sunday, December 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room - "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!" To help us get ready for our caroling night at the Bennett Centre we are hosting an ugly Christmas Sweater party!!!!!! Bring an old sweater or even a t-shirt to deck out with Christmas stuff. We will have some bits and bobbles for you, but feel free to bring your own decorations. As usual, there will be snacks! In addition, join us on Wednesday, December 12th @ 6:30 p.m. in Cote Hall, as we practice for our performance! Our caroling night on Friday, December 14th will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.

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