



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

Mary Jo Jans, President
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Prayer Network

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Mark Rowe, Trustee

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 1 Advent 1	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.37-44)	
MONDAY, December 2		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † Antonio Borges & Dec. Members of the Borges Family	
	10:00 a.m. <u>At School</u>	Holy Cross School Mass (Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.42-44) † Joe Pires	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room
WEDNESDAY, December 4	10:00 a.m. <u>At School</u>	St. Francis School Mass (Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.42-44) † Walburga Muir	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, December 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37) † Ron Hunt	
	10:00 a.m. <u>At Church</u>	St. Brigid School Mass (Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 24.42-44) † John Connor	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, December 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Dec. Members of Lescak & Lolic Families & Roger Fux † Souls in Purgatory (I) Trudy Edwards	
SATURDAY, December 7	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Eugenio Albano Jr. & Manuel & Maria Correia; Rosalind Durdle; Hans Samwald; Christine Quinlan; Bob Lavoie. Intentions of Rene & Anne Marie Laroque; Intentions of Doug Tucker	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of George & Nina Busuttill.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • Nov. 17 & Pre-Auth.	\$ 11,976.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 490	
Average envelope donation – \$15.68	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 2,817.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 14,793.00

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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

The Season of Advent

While the calendar year begins on January 1st, the Church's year starts with the Season of Advent. Advent has a twofold nature: we look forward to Christ's second coming and we recall His first coming at Bethlehem. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. There is, however, a growing discomfort among many people with the commercialization of Christmas, a sense that we have forgotten the true meaning of the season. In order to recapture the "reason for the Season of Christmas" we are invited to approach Advent in a spirit of humble prayer. The following are some suggestions to help us throughout the Advent Season:

>> If you put up a Nativity scene during Advent, wait until Christmas Eve to place the figure of the baby Jesus in the scene. Invite the youngest family member to have this honour. Do not introduce the Magi until after Christmas. Set them at a distance from the Nativity scene and move them a little closer to the manger each day leading up to Epiphany.

>> Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. The sacrament is available every Saturday afternoon and throughout the day on Saturday, December 21st.

>> Pray the rosary or another family prayer before the Nativity scene each evening.

>> If you send cards, make this a family celebration rather than an obligation. Each card could contain a hand-written, personal note and be signed by all family members.

>> Simplify the gift-giving process.

>> Assist "Holy Cross Helps" or another charitable organization.

Prayer Service for our Deceased Loved Ones at Jones Funeral Home

I will be joining Reverend Paul Ivany of Norval United Church in offering prayers for those who have died this past year. The Memorial Service will take place at Jones Funeral Home on Saturday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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 next 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.

Christmas Pageant

Families planning to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day are invited to have their children participate in a pageant (there is no speaking involved). Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting following the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

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 Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

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 November 30/December 1, 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.

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