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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 Noon

PARISH STAFF

Father K. Cull, Pastor
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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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President
905-877-7226

Knights of Columbus

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905-873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 10 <i>Advent 2</i>	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)	
MONDAY, December 11		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	2:30 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Meeting - Sacred Heart
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47) † Evelyn Brannigan	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † Bernhard Scholz	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15) † Vitorrino Goncalves	
	10:00 a.m. <u>at School</u>	St. Francis School Mass † Sean (John) Brown	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - see Tuesday
	7:00 p.m.		Sr. Crosspoint - Cote Hall
FRIDAY, December 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matt. 11.16-19) † Holy Souls † Albert & Bridget D'Souza † Annunziata Nemi † Deceased Members of Manina & Berdais Families	
	10:00 a.m. <u>at School</u>	St. Catherine of Alexandria School Mass † Marguerie Marie Marlatt	
	6:30 p.m.		Jr. Crosspoint - Cote Hall
SATURDAY, December 16	9:30-11:30 a.m. & 3 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Extended Confession Times
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jose & Ilda De Melo; Bento Borges Joao, Gilberto & Jose Luis Pacheco; Susan Nagle & Norm Williams; Joao Araujo; Ellen Stoyles. Intentions of Mary McGarry.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rosalina Dos Anjos.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Casting call for all children attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Morning - the children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant providing a dramatic presentation of the Gospel. Costumes are provided and there is no speaking required. Interested children and parents are asked to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, December 10th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Cote Hall. Rehearsal for the Pageant will take place

on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Debbie for more info at 416-936-9517 or dbaker@openaire.com

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

The Sign-up Sheet for Christmas and New Year's Masses is available in the Narthex this weekend. Please take a moment and sign-up to help.

YOUTH GROUP

CROSSPOINT: Grades 9-12, Annual Christmas Party!!!! Thursday, December 14th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm!! Faith, food, general merry-making, and TONNES of twinkle lights - don't miss it!! We will also be collecting items for a crisis pregnancy center. If possible, please bring with you to the party: baby clothes, maternity clothes, baby bottles, and/or diapers. God bless, and see you there!!!

R.S.V.P: hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

JR. CROSSPOINT: Grades 6-8, FIRST EVER Christmas Party!!!! Friday, December 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm!! Games, grub and Christmas music like you've never heard it!! We will also be running a toy and food drive for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. If possible, please bring with you to the party: toys and/or a non-perishable food item. **Please do not bring electronic or battery operated toys.** God bless and see you there!!! R.S.V.P: hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

CATHOLICISM - A Relational Journey - Overview

Our parish family recently completed "Catholicism: A Relational Journey", a seven week program in which participants were involved in prayer, worship and

reflection. We are very grateful to Father Cull for leading the participants and team members through scripture teachings and reflection followed by small group discussions. This opportunity to share and grow in our faith and in our relationship with our loving God was very enriching for all who participated. A special thank you is extended to the team for their support and involvement in this faith journey and to Gerry & Kathy Byrne for organizing and facilitating the sessions. We are hoping to run similar programs in the future.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAKE SALES - The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish members for their support of the Christmas Cake sales. This weekend is the last opportunity to purchase cakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

TOONIE'S FOR TURKEYS - Again this year the Knights will be collecting "Toonie's for Turkeys" in support of our local food bank to provide Christmas dinners for local families. We will be collecting after all Masses on December 9/10 & 16/17. If you have any questions please contact Michael at 647-206-4742.

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:

- ▶ Reflect daily using the parish Advent Devotions booklet by Father Nouwen.
- ▶ Pray the rosary or another family prayer before the Nativity scene each evening.
- ▶ Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 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 (with at least 2 confessors available at most of these times): Saturday, December 16th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 19th from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; and on Wednesday, December 20th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, December 23rd.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

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