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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
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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

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.vocationinfo.ca

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(905) 702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 13 Advent 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18)	
MONDAY, December 14		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 15	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21.28-32) † Maria de Paiscao, Adelino de Matos & Jose Fernando	
WEDNESDAY December 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 45.6b-8, 21b-25; Luke 7.19-23) † Susan Nagle & Norm Williams	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:30 p.m.		4 th Degree General Meeting - Cote Hall
THURSDAY, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17) † Lisa Quinn	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) † David Egan † James & Mary Garvey † Filippo & Michele Mendaglio & David Burton	
	9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>All Day Confessions</i>
SATURDAY, December 19	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Eduarda Frias & Luis Torres; Bento Borges; Maria Vieira; Nicola Varricchio; Patricia McCarthy; Mary Valade	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

On this Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - we light the rose candle in the Advent Wreath. This colour signifies joy. In the first reading of Holy Mass, the prophet Zephaniah speaks about rejoicing and exulting in the Lord. In our time, one of the most beautiful ways to experience joy is found in the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. As Saint John Paul II has written, it is Christ "in whom God shows us His compassionate heart and reconciles us fully with Himself. It is the face of Christ that must be rediscovered through the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)."

During the Year of Mercy instituted by Pope Francis, pastors are encouraged to offer an extended period of time for the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Our parish will offer parishioners from the northern zone

of Halton Deanery (Georgetown, Acton, Norval and Milton) all day confessions on Friday, December 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As someone who frequents this sacrament of forgiveness and healing, I encourage you to make your peace with God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. There will also be additional opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please take some time to look into your heart, to use the examination of conscience provided, to honestly acknowledge the sins for which you ask God's forgiveness, and to place before the Lord the areas of your life in which you desire the Lord's peace. I look forward to celebrating with you the wonderful gift of the Lord's forgiveness.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your support in a Christmas fundraiser we are calling "*Toonies for Turkeys.*" We will be supporting our local food bank. This initiative will help the food bank to provide needy families in our community with a turkey for Christmas. All money raised will be donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket. We will be collecting money again this weekend. Thank you in advance for your support. For information please contact Michael at 647-206-4752.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Boxed sets of 2016 envelopes will be available for pick up on this weekend and December 19/20. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2016 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Monday, December 28th for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 7:15 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after Masses on the weekend of December 19/20. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

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 10:30 a.m. Mass today in Cote Hall.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

CHRISTMAS 2015

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation 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. throughout the year.

Additional Advent confession times are as follows: Friday, December 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, December 24th, 2015

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 - Friday, December 25th, 2015

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

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - CHCH

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24th. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

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