



# 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  
Mrs. Barb Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant  
Mr. Dino Arsenault, Maintenance  
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

**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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President  
(905) 877-7226

## Knights of Columbus

Leo Santaluce, Grand Knight  
(905) 877-7226

## Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389  
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(905) 702-8838

## Holy Cross School

(905) 877-4451

## Saint Francis School

(905) 877-6928

## Saint Brigid School

(905) 877-1779

## Saint Catherine School

(905) 702-8001

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 14 <i>Advent 3</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28)	
MONDAY, December 15		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, December 16	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) † Susan Nagle & Norm Williams	
WEDNESDAY, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17) † Lisa Quinn	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:30 p.m.		4 <sup>th</sup> Degree General Meeting - Cote Hall
THURSDAY, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) † Doug Christensen	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA
FRIDAY, December 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) † Ljubica Babic † Mary Valade (I) Special Intentions	
SATURDAY, December 13	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> Renato Dias; Melanie Luciani; Patricia McCarthy; Maria Vieira; Bento Borges; Gabriella Roncato; Delia & Kevin Soares	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Nicola Varricchio.			

### COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • November 2014	\$ 48,630.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 2601	
Average envelope donation – \$16.63	
Building Fund	\$ 8,367.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 56,997.00</b>

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> for skating and hot chocolate and coffee. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters 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 weekend of December 20/21. 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). There is a meeting planned for this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall to select roles and fit costumes will be assigned. For further information please contact Claudine at 905-702-9121 or [cwaddick@cogeco.ca](mailto:cwaddick@cogeco.ca)

### HOLY CROSS H.E.L.P.S.

Holy Cross HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The November collection was \$9,845.00. In the past month we responded to 12 calls for food assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

## 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 Isaiah 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).

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 be opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please take some time to examine your heart, 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.

### *On the Series by Father Robert Barron . . .*

Between the Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening sessions, about 100 people attended the six week series by Father Barron on the Person of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King. Those who gathered benefited from both the wisdom of Father Barron's insightful presentations as well as the sharing that occurred following each session. Given the enthusiastic response of the participants, I look forward to offering a similar format in the future to help us grow together in faith.

### **BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Thank you to those of you who are participating in the Birthright Baby Bottle Drive. Please return your bottle to the church next weekend, December 20/21. There will be representatives from Birthright and the CWL at all Masses to accept the bottles.

### **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.

### **SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015**

Boxed sets of 2015 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 14 & 21. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2015 have been mailed - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

### **SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS**

2015 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each.

### **CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on December 13/14. 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.

## CHRISTMAS 2014

### **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. and on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Following 7:00 p.m. Mass)

### **Christmas Eve Masses - Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*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 - Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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

**10:30 a.m.** Christmas Mass

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