



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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 15 Advent 3	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11)	
MONDAY, December 16		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17) † Gerry Landry	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
WEDNESDAY, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) (I) Herminia Vieira † Michele Graziani	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, December 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) † Mary Valade	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
FRIDAY, December 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) † Patricia McCarthy † Ljubica Babic † Eduardo & Maria Estevan, Grace & Joe Almeida, Amador Martins & Antonio Goncalves	
SATURDAY, December 14	4 - 4:30 p.m	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Melanie Luciani; Maria Vieira; Eduarda Frias Torres; Renato Dias; Ljubica Babic; Susan Nagle	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Nicola Varricchio.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 1	\$ 9,993.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 437	
Average envelope donation – \$18.40	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 1,357.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 13,350.00

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.

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

HYMN BOOKS

We are missing several copies of our *Catholic Book of Worship III* and our *Celebrate in Song* hymnals from the pews. If you have a copy of these hymnals at home please return them to the church. Thank you.

BATHROOM VISITS

We are experiencing some minor vandalism in the church bathrooms. Parents are kindly asked to ensure their children are supervised on any trips to the bathrooms.

CHILDREN AT MASS

What a great joy it is to have so many children and families at our parish Masses - it is a wonderful sign of our future as a parish. Sometimes the little ones get a little excited. If this happens, parents may wish to bring their children to the Narthex until they calm down. If toys are necessary - quiet and soft toys are preferred. Thanks to our parents for bringing their children to Mass ... sometimes it's a struggle, but then each stage of parenting brings its own challenges. The regular participation in Sunday Mass will help form our children as followers of the Risen Lord.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014

Boxed sets of 2014 envelopes will be available for pick up until December 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 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. The Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass to assist you.

CHRISTMAS 2013

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; and from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is the final scheduled time for Confession before Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, December 24th, 2013

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 - Wednesday, December 25th, 2013

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

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

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 God's people being gathered together in a spirit of joy and gladness. In our time, one of the most beautiful ways to experience joy is found in the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. As Blessed 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 Thursday, December 19th and Friday, December 20th as well as an extended period of time during the morning, afternoon and evening on Saturday, December 21st. 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.

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.

Outdoor Hockey

Over the Christmas holidays and further along the winter months, please know that I would be delighted to join you for some hockey if you have a backyard rink, pond (preferably one that is frozen over!) or other area where you will be gathering to play. Feel free to contact me at the parish office if you or your family are planning some outdoor fun.

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