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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 David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barbara 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. (October 14 - April 28)

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 David Wynen 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
(905) 873-4151

Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389
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Mark Rowe, Trustee

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Halton Catholic District School Board

(905) 632-6300

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Date | Time | Eucharist | Parish Meetings |
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| SUNDAY, December 16 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18) | |
| MONDAY, December 17 | | No Mass | |
| | 6:30 p.m. | | 9 am Choir Rehearsal - All Members |
| TUESDAY, December 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24) † Frances Scott (I) Marie Boulanger & Marc & Jake | |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour & Benediction (Church) | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | 11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room) |
| WEDNESDAY, December 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) † Mary Valade | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia) |
| THURSDAY, December 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) † Sandra Zapparoli | |
| FRIDAY, December 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45) † John & Jeremiah deOliveria † George Sebalj † Grace Almeida & Deceased Members of the Almeida, Estevan & Martins Families | |
| SATURDAY December 22 | 9 am - 12 Noon | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) <i>Several priests available.</i> | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Vieira; Melanie Luciani; Maria Carreiro; Hilda Boisvert; Rita Van Wouw | |
| This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Deceased Members of the Gillis Family. | | | |

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

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| Regular Collection • December 2 | \$ 10,642.00 |
| Total number of regular envelopes – 438 | |
| Average envelope donation – \$17.06 | |
| New Church Building Fund | \$ 10,845.00 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION | \$ 21,487.00 |

CONFESSIONS

Several priests will be present on Saturday, December 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Note that this is the last scheduled time for Confessions before Christmas.

SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. MASS

Note that there will not be a Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 23rd and Sunday, December 30th. Thanks to all who attend this Mass and those who assist with the various ministries - choir, servers, readers and extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS 2012

Christmas Eve Masses -

Monday, December 24th, 2012

Carols will be sung before each Mass. The Masses of Christmas Eve are referred to as "vigil" Masses:

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
- 12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses -

Tuesday, December 25th, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. - with children's pageant
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Family Mass

There are no afternoon or evening Masses on Christmas Day in the Diocese of Hamilton.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013** for skating and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family on December 15th/16th after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Sunday after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

VOLUNTEER COUPLES NEEDED

A Holy Cross parishioner, in association with the Diocesan Office of Family Ministry, is conducting an independent scientific study. Volunteer couples are needed for an anonymous compatibility study. Couples who are having or have had difficulties in their relationship and have sought or are considering counselling. It is hoped that the outcome of the study will assist adults to become more self-aware and to identify the desired qualities of a potential spouse. A package is available for pick up in the parish office. Your participation is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DAY CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Calling all children who will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. If you plan to be at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, will you please help us act out the story of Jesus' birth through the Christmas Pageant? There is no speaking required and all costumes are provided. Everyone is welcome. Please help us celebrate Christmas. Initial meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Cote Hall for role assignment and costume selection. Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 23rd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. For further information contact Claudine at 905-702-9121 or email cwaddick@cogeco.ca

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to make clothing and non-perishable food donations to this organization may contact Paul Brown at 905-873-6591 or Doug Tucker at 905-877-9906 to arrange pickup. For information about what may be acceptable for use please call Canadian Food For Children directly from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 905-274-9239. No used books or electronics please.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013

Boxed sets of 2013 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 16. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2013 have been mailed to current users of pre-authorized giving - please return them promptly.



Bishop's Christmas Message

Dear Friends:

"I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary ..." We say these words Sunday after Sunday, and whenever we profess the Apostles' Creed.

Christmas is about Christ - His birth in Bethlehem, His encounter with the shepherds, with the Magi, and with Anna and Simeon - and our personal encounter with Him! During this Year of Faith, we reflect more intensely on that encounter, so that we might *Rediscover the Joy* of what it means for our lives.

A child - born for us! Life! Light! Joy! Peace! These are the images we treasure during this holy season. Yet, as He lies in the wooden manger, we can already foresee the impending suffering of the wood of the Cross with the senseless slaughter of the Holy Innocents to appease the vanity of Herod.

Our lives are a mix of good and evil, of joy and sorrow, of hope and despair, of happiness and pain. As we look upon this Child with awe, we are only too aware of the death of children who never get a chance! This Child causes us to fall down in worship, praise and thanksgiving; the holy innocents of our own time cause us to question the values of a world where one person's choice trumps another person's life!

Christmas is a time to rejoice and give thanks for the gift and blessings of life. It is also a time to be generous toward others who may not be so blessed - so that the life of each one and all might be nurtured and supported - and together we might turn to the Author of Life and give profound thanks.

Merry Christmas and blessings throughout 2013!

✠ Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

BISHOP'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

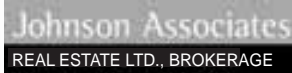
You are welcome to attend the *Bishop's Levee* on Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 at the Cathedral of Christ the King from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bishop Crosby will be there at that time to meet and greet all who attend.

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