



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

Monsignor Edward Sheridan, Administrator
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse
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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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 16 Advent 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18);	
MONDAY, December 17		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 18	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 23.58; Matthew 1.18-24) † Bob Smith	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
WEDNESDAY December 19	8:30 a.m.	Daily Mass (Judges 123.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) (I) Special Intentions of John & Catherine Healy	
	4:00 p.m.		Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
	7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to 9:00 p.m.	(several priests available)
THURSDAY, December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) † Tony Silva & Manuela Silva	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir - St. Cecilia Room
FRIDAY, December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45) † Marica Bukovcan † Bernhard Scholz (I) Gilda Brown (I) Leonard Quennville	
SATURDAY, December 22	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Vieira; Mary Stone; Mary Beth Brown; Marge Willis; Gary Quanbury; Hannah & William Standley; Francis Comer; Antonine Landry, Suzanne & Melanie Luciani.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Everard Family.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 2	\$ 8,074.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 388	
Average envelope donation – \$18.09	
Flowers for Christmas	\$ 1,499.50
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 9,573.50

CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Thursday, December 27th 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 15/16 & 22/23. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

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 Mass during the Christmas Season.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Boxed sets of 2019 envelopes are available for pick up on December 15/16 & 22/23. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the

parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2019 have been mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

YEAR END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2018 donations in 2019. If you would like to make a "year-end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2018. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2019. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Toonies for Turkey's offerings for the Georgetown Bread Basket will be collected in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. These donations help the food bank with their heightened cash needs through the Christmas Season.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2019 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2018 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of St. Joseph of our Diocese are in the process of downsizing. In so doing they sent to the Chancery Office a variety of liturgical vessels, (chalices, ciboria, monstrances, candle sticks, etc.). It fell upon me to find a home for these items so Holy Cross Church will become the home of a chalice given to the Sisters in 1921 as well as a ceremonial basin and bowl. The refinishing of the items has taken place and soon they will be on display in the ambry with the Holy Oils. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the restoration of these items I will be happy to share with you the details. Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan, PH.

CROSSPOINT & JR. CROSSPOINT

Thank you to those who made it out for our carolling evening at the Bennett Centre! We also want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. God Bless.

2019 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2019 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriage outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday, December 24th):

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (*with Children's Pageant*)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, December 25th):

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass
No afternoon or evening Masses at Holy Cross or in the Diocese of Hamilton on Christmas Day.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (Sunday, December 30th):

9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for PEACE

January 1st is a *Holy Day of Obligation* for Catholics in Canada which means that the obligation to attend Mass is the same as if it were a regular Sunday. On this first day of the new year we celebrate Mary under her principal title *Mother of God*. It is also the *World Day of Prayer for Peace*. At Holy Cross our Masses will be celebrated:

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Monday, December 31st):

5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Tuesday, January 1st):

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES

Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (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: Tuesday, December 18th from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 19th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Several priests available); Saturday, December 22nd from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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