



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
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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 - Contact Father Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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Jim McDonald, Grand Knight
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 17 <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 18		No Mass	
	7:00 p.m.		Children's Pageant Rehearsal
TUESDAY, December 19	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25) † Iva Waters	
	7:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Extended Confessions until 8:30 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY December 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) † Stanley Pinto	
	6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Extended Confessions until 8:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45) † Jim McDougall	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56) † Domenico Albanese † Deceased Members of Albanese & Pannella Families † Frances Scott † All Souls in Purgatory (I) In Thanksgiving	
SATURDAY, December 23	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Fourth Sunday of Advent Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Adelaide Silva & Antonio Frias; Maria Vieira; Mary Beth Brown; Katarina Zilavec; Arthur Lilley; Marge Willis; Walter Van Gool.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Bento Costa.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

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.

ALPHA

Hospitality: Help is needed from parishioners to help prepare and set out light snacks and refreshments,

followed by cleaning up. With many volunteers, each volunteer would not be needed every week. If you are interested in helping please contact Gerry Byrne at alphaholycross@gmail.com

Sign-up: The Alpha course will begin on Thursday, February 1st at the parish. Alpha is for anyone who is curious about the Christian faith and who is seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. If you know of anyone who has left the church, is seeking a relationship with God or is

interested in the Christian faith, please encourage him or her to take the course. For more information on the Alpha program and to register, please go to the parish website at www.holycrossrc.com

COAT & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Health & Wellness Committee will be having a coat and winter clothing drive in January. Please keep them in mind when cleaning out your closets this fall. Further details will be in the bulletin in January 2018.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

TOONIE'S FOR TURKEYS - Again this year the Knights will be collecting "Toonie's for Turkeys" in support of our local food bank to provide Christmas dinners for local families. We will be collecting after all Masses this weekend. If you have any questions please contact Michael at 647-206-4742.

CATHOLICISM - A Relational Journey - Overview

Our parish family recently completed "Catholicism: A Relational Journey", a seven week program in which participants were involved in prayer, worship and reflection. We are very grateful to Father Cull for leading the participants and team members through scripture teachings and reflection followed by small group discussions. This opportunity to share and grow in our faith and in our relationship with our loving God was very enriching for all who participated. A special thank you is extended to the team for their support and involvement in this faith journey and to Gerry & Kathy Byrne for organizing and facilitating the sessions. We are hoping to run similar programs in the future.

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

Holy Cross HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The November special collection was \$6,708 and we responded to 24 calls for food assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES

Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 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 (with at least 2 confessors available at most of these times): Tuesday, December 19th from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; and on Wednesday, December 20th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, December 23rd.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Each year at Christmas we welcome many who come to pray with us and adore the new-born King. Hospitality is such an important hallmark of these festive days. May the warmth and joy of our Christmas celebrations touch the hearts and minds of those who gather, awakening within them a deeper love for Christ. Please pray that our celebration of the Christmas Season will be a source of blessing for all!

Please note that additional parking is available at the Metro Plaza on Christmas Eve. Common courtesy in the parking lot will be appreciated by all! Note the times of our Christmas & New Year's Masses (*please note there is no 12 noon Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec.24*):

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, December 24th):

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

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, December 25th):

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
(with Children's Pageant)

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 31st):

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(No 12 noon Mass today)

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 (Sunday, December 31st):

5:00 p.m.

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

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

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