



# 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 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.

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>SUNDAY, December 18</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 • Romans 16:25-27 • Luke 1:26-38	9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
<b>MONDAY, December 19</b> Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a • Luke 1:5-25	No Mass	No Mass	Father Robert Kiffman
<b>TUESDAY, December 20</b> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d • Luke 1:26-38	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Cynthia Tobin	Father George Stortz
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 21</b> Zephaniah 3:14-18a • Luke 1:39-45	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Filippo & Michele Medaglio	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
<b>THURSDAY, December 22</b> 1 Samuel 1:24-28 • Luke 1:46-56	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Melanie Luciani	Father Edward Hampson
<b>FRIDAY, December 23</b> Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 • Luke 1:57-66	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Manuel Viera † Floy Beaton-Leach † Eduardo & Maria Estevam; Grace & Joe Almeida; Amador Martins	Father Adam Voisin
<b>SATURDAY, December 24 • Christmas Eve</b>	5:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass 9:00 p.m. Mass Midnight Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
<b>SANCTUARY LAMP</b> This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Gillis Family.			

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY, December 19

6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - [All Members](#)

#### TUESDAY, December 20

7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

#### WEDNESDAY, December 21

7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

#### THURSDAY, December 22

7:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 4 \$ 8,412.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 474

Average envelope donation – \$16.25

Flowers for Christmas \$ 1,542.00

New Church Building Fund \$ 199.00

**TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION** \$ 10,153.00

### CHRISTMAS BREAK OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon and will re-open on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon. Telephone messages will be checked regularly during that time.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

The Social Committee is running a "Family Skate" on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per family and are available after all Masses this weekend. For information contact Jane at 905-877-7226.

### LUNCH AT CAPINA'S

Thanks to Claudio & Anna for their kind offer of lunch for our parishioners on the *Sundays of Advent* (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>). There is no cost for lunch - a freewill offering can be made - proceeds will be split between Capina's & Holy Cross HELPS. Beverages are extra ... join us for lunch!

### 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of 2012 Offering Envelopes have been prepared for those who currently use envelopes as a way of offering financial support for the work of the parish. Kindly pick up your box of offering envelopes after Mass. If you wish to become an envelope user please contact the parish office and a box will be prepared for you. Some of our parishioners prefer to use *pre-authorized debits* as a monthly donation to the parish. Arrangements for this way of giving can also be made with the parish office.

One change in the boxed sets of envelopes this year is that there is no monthly "Holy Cross HELPS" envelope. Parishioners can continue to support HELPS by contributing to the monthly collection at the doors of the church. This monthly collection will be further supported out of the general offerings of the parish. Your continued financial support helps HELPS help others.

All donations to Holy Cross Parish are tax deductible if the donor is identified - either by using offering envelopes or pre-authorized debits. Your continued financial support of the work of our parish and its mortgage is greatly appreciated by all!

### SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. MASS

Please note there is no Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>) or New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>). This weekly celebration began in October and is going very well. We have anywhere from 250 - 350 people attending. Thanks to our newly formed choir who are doing a great job leading that assembly in song.

### ROMAN MISSAL

It has been nearly one month since the Catholic Church, in the English-speaking world, began using the new English translation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Roman Missal. We are working our way through some of the new expressions and responses. One to be attentive to is the response to the priest's invitation, *Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. The people stand and say, May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

### COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no "Coffee Sunday" on the last Sunday of December (Christmas day). The next Coffee Sunday will be January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 2011 DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Please note that donations eligible for a 2011 tax receipt must be received by the parish and cheques dated on or before *December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011*. Tax receipts for envelope users, pre-authorized debits and other identified donations will be sent out before the end of February.

### HEALTH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Low Impact Exercise program will resume in January on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Bring your own weights and bands. Classes are conducted by a certified fitness instructor. Pay as you go cost is \$3 per session. Come and join, improve your health.

### MIDNIGHT MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

CHCH-TV, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24<sup>th</sup> starting with Carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend, Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV Channel 11 on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Each year at Christmas we welcome many who come to pray with us and to adore the new born King. Hospitality is such an important hallmark of these festive days. Let us welcome our friends and neighbours who may only join us at Christmas and Easter. May the warmth and joy of our Christmas celebrations touch their minds and hearts and stir up within them a fresh zeal for our Catholic faith. Let us pray that our celebration of Christmas will be a source of blessing for all of us!

Additional parking at the Metro Plaza is available on Christmas Eve. Common courtesy in the parking lot will be appreciated by all! Please note the times of our Christmas & New Year's Masses:

#### Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

12:00 a.m. MIDNIGHT MASS (Incense)

#### Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Pageant)

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Incense)

*No afternoon or evening Masses at Holy Cross or in the Diocese of Hamilton on Christmas Day.*

#### New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011)

5:00 p.m.

#### New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

(NO 7:00 p.m. Mass)

New Year's Day is the *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*, and is a holy day of obligation in Canada.

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