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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 18 Advent 4	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 7.10-14; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24)	
MONDAY, December 19	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 20	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38) † Bill Kent	
	7:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>Until 8:30 p.m.</i>
WEDNESDAY December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45) † Holy Souls	
	9:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Until 10:30 a.m.</i>
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Until 8:00 p.m.</i>
THURSDAY, December 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56) † Silvano Guidotti, Stefan Amella, Maria Savarino, Maria Gaetano Borges, Pasquale & Pina Amella	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
FRIDAY, December 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Malachi 3.1-4, 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66) † Claudette Bouchard † Annette Harris † Robert Ehmann † John Gibson	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE,</b> SATURDAY, December 24	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	
	12 Midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY,</b> SUNDAY, December 25	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mrs. Carmen Miranda.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Note: This is the last opportunity for Reconciliation before Christmas.*) Please take some time to look into 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

The youth group ended the calendar year with live music supplied by Jeff, Dino, Pierre, Joseph and Simon. The live music continued while the youth ate a meal together and then worked together to fill shoeboxes with toys, clothing, candy and toiletries. All the shoeboxes will be sent to children in Haiti. Youth group activities will continue in January and new members are always welcome! If you are interested in joining please send an email to [hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com) Watch for further events in the bulletin. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all youth in the parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

► *Christmas Cakes ...* Knights will be selling Christmas Cakes once again this year after all Masses this weekend. Small cakes are \$15 and large cakes \$25. These cakes are made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey and all money raised goes to Campaign Life Coalition.

► *Sunday Missals ...* 2017 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 2016 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, December 27th for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters 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 weekend of December 17/18. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

## ALPHA - REGISTRATION

The Alpha course begins at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! We are now ready to accept registrations. Alpha is for people who do not have a relationship with God, or for people who have been away from church for an extended period of time, or for people who have had little or no experience of the Christian faith. If you, your spouse, family member, co-worker or friend would benefit from this course, please inform them about Alpha and provide them with the URL below. Each Alpha session begins with food (a meal), followed by a 30-minute video and then small group discussions. The discussions are an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas without being corrected or judged (in a loving, accepting and non-judgmental atmosphere.) For more information about the program, to register, to view videos or to send an email for more information, enter the following URL into your Internet browser: <https://goo.gl/YkpZ7R> or visit the parish website at [www.holycrossrc.com](http://www.holycrossrc.com) For people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, plans are in place to introduce a similar program next year.

## TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend D. Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD Bishop of Hamilton will preside at the celebration of Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The

Carol service begins at 11:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m. This year the lead broadcast partner will be Salt+Light Media with Father Thomas Rosica as commentator. CHCH TV will also broadcast Midnight Mass. We welcome Salt+Light and Father Rosica. The Carols and Mass will also be live streamed on their website [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org)

## 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 Christmas 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:

## CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>):

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 (Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>):

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.*

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

January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>):

5:00 p.m.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY (Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>):

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

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