
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Established as a Parish of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

Worship Place:

224 Maple Avenue
Georgetown, Ontario
L7G 1X2

Office hours -

Monday • 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday • 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bulletin announcements accepted until
12:00 noon on Mondays

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance

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Theresa Scholz (905) 873-1887

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Sunday Eucharist

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12 Noon

Weekday Eucharist

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule)

Reconciliation

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

Parish Office:

(as of Monday, January 3, 2011)

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www.holycrossrc.com

www.holycrossgeorgetown.blogspot.com

Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for visits, Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are admitted to Hospital, kindly identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available at the main doors of the Church. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on the 2nd or 4th Sundays of each month (except during the Season of Lent). Adults needing baptism or reception into the Catholic church should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Please contact the pastor a minimum of one year before the planned marriage date.

Priesthood & Religious Life - contact Father Dave Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website: www.vocationinfo.ca

"... be yourselves like living stones, built into a spiritual house ..."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, December 19 Isaiah 7:10-14 • Romans 1:1-7 • Matthew 1:18-24	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 20 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d • Luke 1:26-38	No Mass	No Mass	Father James Malone
TUESDAY, December 21 Zephaniah 3:14-18a • Luke 1:39-45	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Jeannette Martin	Father Stjepan Pandzic, OFM
WEDNESDAY, December 22 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8d • Luke 1:46-56	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Melanie Luciani	Eudiste Fathers, CJM
THURSDAY, December 23 Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 • Luke 1:57-66	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Emerine de Souza † Maixma Sotes † John Duras	Father Ilija Puljic, OFM
FRIDAY, December 24 • Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. Mass 8:00 p.m. Mass Midnight Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Ilija Petkovic
SATURDAY, December 25 • Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. Mass 12 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Ivan Vuksic

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 20

8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - church

TUESDAY, December 21

6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal - church

THURSDAY, December 23

7:00 p.m. 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal - church

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 5 \$ 9,558.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 459

Average envelope donation – \$16.33

New Church Building Fund \$ 10,540.00

Flowers for Christmas \$ 1,344.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 21,442.00

REST IN PEACE

Parish prayers are offered for those who have recently died, in particular for *Jeannette Martin* of the parish; *Noreen McCurdie* of the parish.

PARISH OFFICE

Our parish office will move from its current location on Maple Avenue to our new Church over the Christmas break. The new offices will open on Monday, January 3rd, 2011.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

All celebrations will take place in Holy Cross Church (Maple Avenue):

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24th, 2010)

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

12:00 Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25th, 2010)

10:00 a.m. "Children's" Mass

12:00 Noon

You are strongly encouraged to consider attending a Mass other than the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. which will be VERY CROWDED with little parking space.

Please note that there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (January 1)

Holy day of obligation in Canada.

New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31st, 2010)

5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Saturday, January 1st, 2011)

11:00 a.m.

Please note that there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.

FROM FATHER DAVE

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for organizing a food drive for the local food bank and to all parishioners who supported them in this effort.

In past years it has been my habit to send Christmas card greetings to the volunteers of the parish. This year, due to the move, I have not been able to send these greetings personally. I wish to thank all our volunteers on behalf of the parish and wish them well during this joyful season. We have several hundred parishioners involved in many different ways in our parish - the efforts of all are very much appreciated.

Speaking of the move ... I announced last Sunday that we will be dedicating our new parish Church on **Sunday, February 13th, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.** Our new Chief Shepherd, Bishop Crosby, will preside at this celebration and officially receive the new Church.

Our closing celebrations will take place in our current church building on *Sunday, February 6th* at the regular Sunday Masses.

There had been some thought of having Christmas Masses in the new Church, however, given the contractor's tight schedule and the need for training of various ministries, the decision has been made to have our first Mass in the new Church be the Dedication Mass with the Bishop.

This will allow us to offer opportunities for training of ministries prior to the first Masses and it will allow the contractor time to correct any construction deficiencies.

Our office move will proceed and we will open the new offices on Monday, January 3rd.

Our current hall will close on Monday, January 3rd to allow for much needed cleaning and preparation for the library's occupancy on February 1st. Your kind patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Our new Diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI has made some important appointments of priests to assist him in the administration of the Diocese of Hamilton. He has named Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and Father Edward Sheridan as Vicars General. Monsignor Vincent Kerr is the new Chancellor and Diocesan spokesperson. Father Con O'Mahony is appointed the Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education. Let us pray for our Bishop and these priests who will assist him in his ministry among us.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

You are invited to visit the website of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and participate in their "Fall Action Campaign." The theme of this year's campaign is "Say no to the privatization of water." www.devp.org

NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Local Heating and Air Conditioning company willing to donate 10% of any work performed or products purchased to our new church building fund. Will match any competitors price. Company is fully licensed and insured. Call Tony at 905-877-4938.

CHRISTMAS & YEAR END GIFTS

Some parishioners make special donations to the parish and to the Parish Building Fund at the end of the year. All donations received by the parish on or before December 31st, 2010 can be credited as a 2010 donation. Income Tax receipts will be sent out in the new year. Donations dated and received on January 1, 2011 and beyond can only be credited for 2011 receipts.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are planning to be married at Holy Cross are reminded that we ask for one year's notice of marriage. This year is used for the various steps involved in the marriage preparation process. Couples who are members of our parish community may celebrate marriage here. Often we are asked to celebrate the weddings of parishioner's children who have moved away from Georgetown. These celebrations may take place with permission of their parish priest. People who have not been previously married may freely enter into marriage in the Catholic Church. Individuals who have been previously married cannot enter into a new marriage until their freedom to marry can be established. Father Dave is happy to assist those who have questions concerning marriage or those who wish to make wedding arrangements at Holy Cross. We are now accepting weddings for 2012.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The *Sacrament of the Sick* can be celebrated anytime one is experiencing serious illness or facing surgery. It is not only reserved to the moment of death. We no longer refer to it as "last rites" which indicates a limitation in appreciation of the healing ministry of the Church's prayer. If you, or a member of your family, would like to celebrate the *Sacrament of the Sick*, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Often it is fruitful to have members of the family present for the celebration to join in the prayer.

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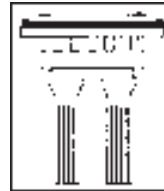


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