



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. (October 14 - April 28)

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - 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 David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

Mary Jo Jans, President
(905) 873-4151

Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389
Cecile (905) 873-4055

Mark Rowe, Trustee

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(905) 702-8838

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(905) 877-1779

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(905) 877-4451

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(905) 702-8001

Halton Catholic District School Board

(905) 632-6300

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Date | Time | Eucharist | Parish Meetings |
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| SUNDAY, December 2 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Luke 21.25-28. 34-36) | |
| MONDAY, December 3 | | No Mass | |
| | 6:30 p.m. | | 9 am Choir Rehearsal - <u>All Members</u> |
| TUESDAY, December 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 8.5-11, 13) † Amelia & Eugenio Paiva | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Advent Family Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | CWL Executive Meeting (Marian Room) |
| WEDNESDAY, December 5 | 9:00 a.m. | No Daily Mass | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia) |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | Catholic Video Series |
| THURSDAY, December 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Daily Mass at Christ the King School (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37) † Marie Magalas | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Daily Mass at Christ the King School † Bruce Henry Thomason | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room) |
| FRIDAY, December 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Joseph Azzuolo † Filipeo & Michael Mendaglio (I) Mora & Nieto Families | |
| SATURDAY December 8th | 9:00 a.m. | <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary</i> Mass (Gn 3.9-15, 20; Eph 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38) (I) Holy Cross Parish | |
| | 4 - 4:30 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Patrick Stoyles; J.L. Landry; Coralie Ferguson; Jane Dunn; Amelia & Verginio Domingos | |
| This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Deceased Members of the Lescak Family | | | |

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

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| Regular Collection • November 18 | \$ 7,745.00 |
| Total number of regular envelopes – 419 | |
| Average envelope donation – \$16.12 | |
| New Church Building Fund | \$ 465.00 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION | \$ 8,210.00 |

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013

Boxed sets of 2013 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 2, 9 & 16. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2013 will be mailed in the coming days - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

WELCOME BISHOP CROSBY!

Our parish welcomes our Diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI who joins us for a pastoral visit this weekend. On Friday evening he presided at the 60th Anniversary Mass for the Catholic Women's League of our parish. Yesterday he met with the Pastoral and Finance Councils and other leaders of the parish for a lunch meeting. Today he preaches at each of our Sunday Masses. Welcome to our parish and thank you for visiting with us!

CATHOLIC VIDEO SERIES

Please join us on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. for the first of our Catholic Video Series - *Road of Hope: The Spiritual Journey of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan.*

FAMILY ADVENT MASS

Our annual *Family Advent Mass* will be celebrated on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in our parish church. This is an occasion to gather families from our schools for Mass. Thanks to our school administrators, teachers and support staff for all their good work in our Catholic schools. May God bless you for your goodness to our children.

ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins today. This beautiful Season is a period of preparation for Christmas. We will offer the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* (Confession) on **Saturday, December 22** from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Visiting priests will assist Fr. Dave during this time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

It's a month away! Our Christmas Mass schedule will be:

Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24th)

5:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.; 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight
(these Masses will be preceded by carol singing)

Christmas Day (Tuesday, December 25th)

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

A word to the wise ... the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is always overflowing ... consider coming to 7:00 p.m. or one of the other Masses. If you are coming for 5:00 p.m. it will begin early - once the church is uncomfortably full.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013** for skating and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family on December 15th/16th after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Sunday after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to make clothing and non-perishable food donations to this organization may contact Paul Brown at 905-873-6591 or Doug Tucker at 905-877-9906 to arrange pickup. For information about what may be acceptable for use please call Canadian Food For Children directly from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 905-274-9239. No used books or electronics please.

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANTS DAY MASS

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, as Celebrant on Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton.

VOLUNTEER COUPLES NEEDED

A Holy Cross parishioner, in association with the Diocesan Office of Family Ministry, is conducting an independent scientific study. Volunteer couples are needed for an anonymous compatibility study. Couples who are having or have had difficulties in their relationship and have sought or are considering counselling. It is hoped that the outcome of the study will assist adults to become more self-aware and to identify the desired qualities of a potential spouse. A package is available for pick up in the parish office. Your participation is appreciated.

ROMAN MISSAL

It has been an entire liturgical year since the introduction of the 3rd edition of the *Roman Missal* and the accompanying changes in responses, prayers and postures at Mass. Happily we have adjusted well to these changes - at the very least it has our attention. Just a couple of handy reminders ...

Responses at Mass - responding to the prayers and invitations at Mass is part of the full, conscious and active participation of the assembly gathered for Mass. To assist all in making the proper responses you can use the *Celebrate in Song* booklet, your Sunday Missal, or the front cover of the *Catholic Book of Worship III*.

Invitation to Prayer - when the priest has finished the invitation, "Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable to the Lord our God" the people **stand** and then respond together, "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." We sometimes forget the "holy" part.

Reception of Holy Communion - An act of reverence - specifically a bowing of the head - is to be made before receiving Holy Communion. Once the person ahead of you in the Communion procession has received and is walking away from the minister you may bow your head and then present yourself for the reception of Holy Communion. The Eucharistic bread may be received either in our hands or on our tongue. Please consume the Sacred Host in the presence of the minister. You may then, if you wish, receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice following the same steps. Only Catholics who have received their first Holy Communion may receive the Eucharist - however, all are welcome to join us for the celebration.

Fasting - we Catholics are encouraged to fast from foods one (1) hour before receiving Holy Communion.

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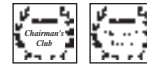
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