

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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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 Noon on Mondays

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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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.; 12:00 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.
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to
arrange for visits, Communion
or the Sacrament of the Sick.

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 20 Micah 5:2-5a • Hebrews 10:5-10 • Lk 1:39-45	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 21 Zephaniah 3:14-18a • Luke 1:39-45	No Mass	No Mass	Father Ted Slaman
TUESDAY, December 22 1 Samuel 1:24-28 • Luke 1:46-56	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Jennifer Muller	Father Angus Smith
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Parish Penance Celebration</i>	
WEDNESDAY, December 23 All Day Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 • Luke 1:57-66	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Henry, Rose & Ken Alexander	Eudiste Fathers, C.J.M.
THURSDAY, December 24 • Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass 9:00 p.m. Mass Midnight Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen
FRIDAY, December 25 • Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Edward Hampson
SATURDAY, December 26 St. Stephen, first Christian Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Matthew 10:17-22	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Father Marijan Mihokovic
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Verginio deSousa † Maria Carreiro † Jela Stefan † Antonio Rabelo † Maria, Manuel & Henrique deMelo	

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 6	\$ 9,964.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 488	
Average envelope donation – \$18.30	
Building Fund	\$ 1,145.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 11,109.00

PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

Join us on **Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** for our Penance Celebration and Confessions. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confissões em português.

CHRISTMAS VACATION FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Monday, December 21st** for skating, carol singing and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after all Masses on Sunday, December 12/13. You can also purchase tickets from Marie Simpson at 905-877-6928 or from Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Those who currently use offering envelopes to offer your financial support of the parish may pick up your 2010 box of envelopes after Mass in the main entrance of the Church. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes kindly complete a "Parish Registration Form" or contact the office. Your generous support of the parish is greatly appreciated. Our parish's "year end" is December 31st. Donations given after this date are credited for the following year. If you would like to have your donations credited for 2009 they must be received by December 31st. Receipts will be mailed out in January.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* has concluded. It will resume again on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010. The break is necessitated by Christmas and holiday schedules.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASSES

Low Impact Exercise class will resume in the New Year, with two classes per week (Tuesdays & Thursdays), beginning Tues January 5th & Thurs January 7th.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24)

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight Mass (Incense)

A word to the wise the 5:00 p.m. Mass was VERY, VERY crowded last year. We will begin that celebration as soon as we have a full church (sitting and standing). You may wish to come to Mass at 7 p.m. or one of the later Christmas Eve or Christmas morning Masses to avoid large crowds, difficult parking and standing!

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)

10:00 a.m. (Pageant)

12:00 Noon (Incense)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec 31) — 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Friday, January 1) — 11:00 a.m.

In Canada, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

FUTURE USE OF CURRENT FACILITIES

The Diocese of Hamilton and the Town of Halton Hills have reached agreement on the terms of a lease which would allow our current church and rectory to be used as a temporary location for the Halton Hills Library. The lease will be approximately 18 months - for the duration of the Library's renovation project. The Library will make various improvements to the facilities - primarily the Hall - which will include carpeting, painting, air conditioning - all of which will enhance the value of the facility for its eventual sale. It is the intention of the Diocese to sell the property and buildings to an appropriate buyer. The proceeds of the lease and the eventual sale follow our parish and will be used toward the mortgage of our new church. The Library will occupy the Hall and use the church for offices and conference areas. We will have an opportunity to remove religious symbols and pews prior to the Library moving in sometime in the winter of 2011 - after we have moved to our new parish home.

DIOCESAN "YEAR OF THE FAMILY"

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton, has designated the coming year as the "Diocesan Year of the Family." This celebration of family life will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 27th, 2009) and conclude on the same feast day in 2010. The *Office of Family, Ministry, and Religious Education* is planning several events for the coming year, culminating with a Diocesan family weekend in October. More details of the year will be announced as they unfold. The Bishop will offer a Pastoral Letter on the Feast of the Holy Family as a way to inaugurate the year.

Happily, this diocesan "Year of the Family" overlaps with the universal Church's observance of the Year for Priests which concludes on June 19, 2010. Priests come from families! Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings are encouraged to pray for and support vocations to the Diocesan priesthood and religious life. Please also pray for all bishops and priests in ministry now that they may continue to grow in holiness and joy in their vocation.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a perfect time to help your children remember what the 'reason for the season' actually is - the birth of Jesus Christ. Read the story of the Nativity together, let your children help set up the Manger in your home, take part in your parish Christmas pageant where possible and before opening gifts Christmas morning, sing 'Happy Birthday' to Jesus. The real story of Christmas is the birth of our Saviour: do your children know and understand that? (From: Teresa Hartnett, Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

This week:

Monday, December 21st - 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22nd - **closed**

Wednesday, December 23rd - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th - **closed**

Friday, December 25th - **closed**

Next week:

Monday, December 28th - **closed**

Tuesday, December 29th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, December 30th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Thursday, December 31st - **closed**

Friday, January 1st - **closed**

We will resume regular hours on Monday, January 4th.

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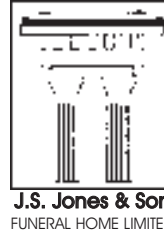
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