

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 K. Cull, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barb 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. (Resumes October 20, 2013)

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 Cull 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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 22 Advent 4	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 7.10-14; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24)	
MONDAY, December 23		No Mass	
CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, 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 with Incense (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	
CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, December 25	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass with Children's Pageant (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	
THURSDAY, December 26		No Mass	
FRIDAY, December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8) † Hilda & Paul Boisvert † Paul Sullivan † Rae Parker	
SATURDAY, December 28 <i>Holy Innocents</i>	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Feast of the Holy Family <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Carreiro; Doug Christensen; Abilio Carreiro; Herman Poland; Piet van Gaelen; Fedora Palermo	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Deceased Members of the MacPhee Family.			

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December	\$ 9,328.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 462	
Average envelope donation – \$17.47	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 13,290.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 22,618.00

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on Monday, December 30th for skating and hot chocolate and coffee. Due to the great feedback from previous family skates we have once again rented a rink at Mold Masters 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 all Masses this weekend. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

HYMN BOOKS

We are missing several copies of our *Catholic Book of Worship III* and our *Celebrate in Song* hymnals from the pews. If you have a copy of these hymnals at home please return them to the church. Thank you.

CHILI AND THEATRE FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, March 1st, 2014** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School and then enjoy a Musical Evening in the CtK Theatre. The "**BLACK FAMILY**" will be there to entertain. They are a Musical Family with a "*Celtic Flare*." Two hundred tickets will be available for the Dinner and Theatre and 100 tickets for the Theatre only. Watch for more information in the New Year. For information contact Marie at 905-873-9480 or Jane at 905-877-7226.

MESSAGE FROM FR. CULL - OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Over the Christmas holidays and further along the winter months, please know that I would be delighted to join you for some hockey if you have a backyard rink, pond (preferably one that is frozen over!) or other area where you will be gathering to play. Feel free to contact me at the parish office if you or your family are planning some outdoor fun.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS CRIB

If you have a Christmas nativity scene in your home, you may want to gather your family and pray the following blessing together:

*Blessed are you, Lord God, king of all creation:
we praise you for your love.*

*We thank you because you have loved us so much
that you sent your only Son to bring us eternal life.*

*Bless this crib that we have prepared,
and let it be a reminder to us of the Lord Jesus,
Son of God and Son of Mary.*

*Father, we praise you
through Christ our Lord.
Amen!*

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014

Boxed sets of 2014 envelopes are available for pick up until December 22. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2014 have been mailed to current users of pre-authorized giving - please return them promptly.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This is the 59th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.

CHRISTMAS SEASON FEASTS

During the Christmas Season the Church observes many feasts which are significant moments in her history. St. Stephen, martyr (December 26); St. John, apostle (December 27); Holy Innocents (December 28); Holy Family (Sunday, December 29); Mary, Mother of God (January 1); St. Basil & St. Gregory, bishops (January 2); Epiphany of the Lord (January 5); St. Andre Bessette (January 7 - relic buried under our Altar); Baptism of the Lord (January 12).

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 their 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 (Tuesday, December 24th):

- 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
(with Incense)

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday, December 25th):

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
(with Children's Pageant)

- 11:00 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 1st 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 (Tuesday, December 31st):

- 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Wednesday, January 1st):

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

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