



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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 23 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45) (No 7:00 p.m. Mass)	
MONDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Christmas Family Mass (Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25)	
	12 Midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass (Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16)	
TUESDAY, December 25 Christmas Day	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Christmas Family Mass (Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18)	
WEDNESDAY, December 26 <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>		No Mass	
THURSDAY, December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8) † Marge Willis	
FRIDAY, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Luke 1.39-45) † Maria de Fraga † Patrick McGrinder † Jason Pacheco	
SATURDAY December 29	4-4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Feast of the Holy Family <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Theresa & Hans Samwald; Alice & Manuel Garcia, Artur & Lourdes Barreira & Joaquin Barreira; Marie MacDonald; Frank Gillis and Deceased Members of the Gillis Family; Deceased Members of the Tarka Family	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Danny Jackman.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 9	\$ 9,779.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 468	
Average envelope donation – \$16.59	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 2,475.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,254.00

SUNDAY 7:00 P.M. MASS

Note that there will not be a Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 23rd and Sunday, December 30th. Thanks to all who attend this Mass and those who assist with the various ministries - choir, servers, readers and extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

BISHOP'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

You are welcome to attend the *Bishop's Levee* on Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 at the Cathedral of Christ the King from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bishop Crosby will be there at that time to meet and greet all who attend.

WELCOME FATHER MARK SULLIVAN

We extend a warm welcome to Father Mark Sullivan, a priest of Hamilton Diocese, who joins us at Holy Cross Parish and will serve here during Father Dave's sabbatical. Father Mark is here as a "visiting priest" and will ensure pastoral care for the parish's spiritual life for the coming months. He will live in the Priests' Residence.

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 this weekend 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013

Boxed sets of 2013 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 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 have been mailed to current users of pre-authorized giving - please return them promptly.

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!*

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

*All glory and praise to you, heavenly Father:
we thank you for sending us your Son Jesus
to be our brother.*

*Bless us as we gather here,
and bless our Christmas tree.*

*Let its lights remind us of Jesus,
who came to be the light of the world
and to save us from sin.*

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

CHRISTMAS SEASON FEASTS

During the Christmas Season the Church observes many feasts which are significant moments in the Christian story. St. Stephen, martyr (December 26); St. John, apostle (December 27); Holy Innocents (December 28); Holy Family (Sunday, December 30); Mary, Mother of God (January 1); St. Basil & St. Gregory, bishops (January 2); Epiphany of the Lord (January 6); St. Andre Bessette (January 7 - relic buried under our Altar); St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (January 12); Baptism of the Lord (January 13).

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. Let us welcome our friends and neighbours who might only ever join us on Christmas or at Easter. May the warmth and joy of our Christmas celebrations touch their hearts and minds stirring up within them fresh zeal for our Catholic faith. Let us pray that our celebration of Christmas will be a source of rich blessing for all of us!

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 (Monday, 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

Blessing of the Christmas Crib (Incense)

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, December 25th):

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Incense)

*No afternoon or evening Masses at Holy Cross or in the
Diocese of Hamilton on Christmas Day.*

**FEAST 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 (Monday, December 31st):

5:00 p.m.

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

11:00 a.m.

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