

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 23 Advent 4	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45)	
<i>CHRISTMAS EVE,</i> MONDAY, December 24	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 12 Midnight	Christmas Eve Mass (Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16)	
<i>CHRISTMAS DAY,</i> TUESDAY, December 25	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass (Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16)	
WEDNESDAY December 26		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) † Lisa Quinn	
	7:15 p.m.		Parish Skate at MoldMasters
FRIDAY, December 28 <i>Holy Innocents</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 1.5 - 2.2; Matthew 2.13-18) † Marica Bukovcan † Bernhard Scholz (I) Gilda Brown (I) Leonard Quenville	
SATURDAY, December 29	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Maria Vieira; Adelaide Silva & Antonio Frias; Patricia & Douglas Midgehall; Kevin Cachia; Robert & Vito Masotti; Fred Marks; Fred & Dorothy Tucker; Jim & Mary Garvey.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parish.

Dear Parishioners,

When we leave Mass on Christmas we go forth in peace and love to serve the Lord. We are children of God because of the child that has been born to us this day.

God has spoken to us for all time in this Word made visible, this God made a child, this Jesus our brother.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. That brightness shines in our homes, our hearts, and our lives so that all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This Christmas may we be caught up not in what is temporary, but what is eternal that a Saviour has been born for us.

Wishing you and your families the blessings of Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Edward Sheridan, PH

Administrator, Holy Cross Church

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 9	\$ 8,358.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 407	
Average envelope donation – \$16.87	
Building Fund	\$ 5,310.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 13,668.00

CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Thursday, December 27th for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 7:15 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after Masses on the weekend of December 15/16 & 22/23. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Christmas Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms are available in the narthex for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Mass during the Christmas Season.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Boxed sets of 2019 envelopes are available for pick up on December 15/16 & 22/23. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2019 have were mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

YEAR END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2018 donations in 2019. If you would like to make a "year-end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2018. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2019. Thank you.

HOLY CROSS H.E.L.P.S.

Holy Cross HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The November special collection was \$6,840 and we responded to 22 calls for food assistance as well as distributed 62 gift cards for Christmas help to clients. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 24th until Wednesday, January 2nd. Messages will be monitored throughout the office closure. If there is a medical emergency requiring the ministry of a priest please call the parish at 905-873-1887 and press ext. 3 to reach Monsignor Sheridan.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2019 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2018 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday, December 24th):

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (*with Children's Pageant*)
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
- 12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, December 25th):

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass
- No afternoon or evening Masses at Holy Cross or in the Diocese of Hamilton on Christmas Day.*

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (Sunday, December 30th):

- 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

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 (Monday, December 31st):

- 5:00 p.m.

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

- 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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