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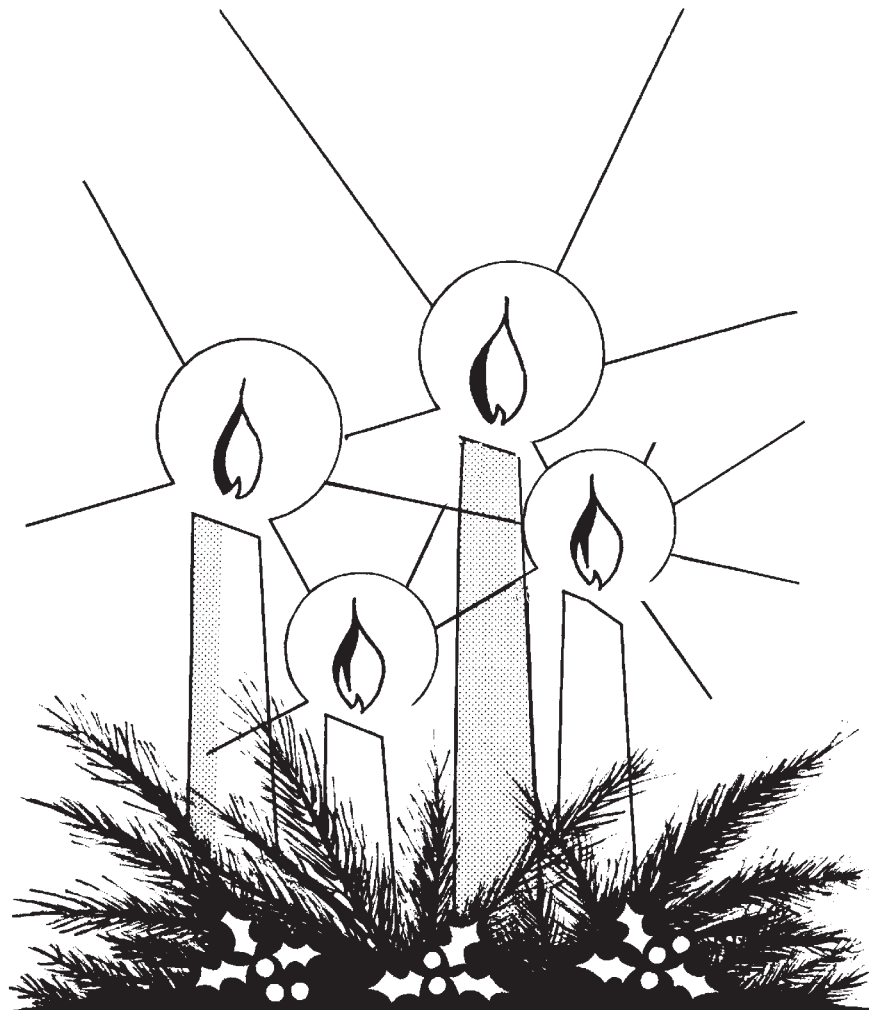
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|---|--|--|---|
| SUNDAY, December 24 <i>Advent 4</i> | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (2 Sam. 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom. 16.25-27; Lk. 1.26-38) NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, 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) | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, 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) | Children's Pageant at 9am Mass |
| TUESDAY, December 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour - CANCELLED | |
| | 6 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass - CANCELLED | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | 9am Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled |
| WEDNESDAY December 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass - CANCELLED | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5pm Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | Parish Skate at MoldMasters |
| THURSDAY, December 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (1 John 1.5 - 2.2; Matthew 2.13-18) † Joseph & Christine Pinto | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cec. |
| FRIDAY, December 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35) † Vito & Robert Masotti † Maria Putzer † Luis Galea & Joseph Cini † Bernhard Scholz | |
| SATURDAY, December 30 | 4 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Isilda Goncalves; Joe Esteireiro; Bill Kent; Maria Fernanda De Jesus; Hermano Almeida; Fred Mlodozenec Sr. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Beth Brown. |

A Christmas Message from Father Cull

"Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord." Later this evening we will enter into the joyful celebration of our Saviour's birth! We gather as a parish family to marvel at the humility of our God who came to us in poverty and simplicity. As we recall the events of that first Christmas, we too experience the joy of the shepherds and make our way to the manger where the miracle has taken place: God has become man and lives among us.

It is my heartfelt prayer that you will feel welcome and loved at Holy Cross Parish. As I celebrate my fifth Christmas as pastor, know that I am grateful to God for so many blessings. May the peace of the holy and joyous season of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones.

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.

With my love and prayers,

Father Cull

ALPHA

Hospitality: Help is needed from parishioners to help prepare and set out light snacks and refreshments, followed by cleaning up. With many volunteers, each volunteer would not be needed every week. If you are interested in helping please contact Gerry Byrne at alphaholycross@gmail.com

Sign-up: The Alpha course will begin on Thursday, February 1st at the parish. Alpha is for anyone who is curious about the Christian faith and who is seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. If you know of anyone who has left the church, is seeking a relationship with God or is interested in the Christian faith, please encourage him or her to take the course. For more information on the Alpha program and to register, please go the parish website at www.holycrossrc.com

CHRISTMAS BREAK FUN SKATE

Join us on Wednesday, December 27 for skating and hot chocolate, coffee and Timbits. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. and we would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5 a family after all Masses this weekend or contact the parish office

COAT & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Health & Wellness Committee will be having a coat and winter clothing drive in January. Please keep them in mind when cleaning out your closets. Further details will be in the bulletin in January 2018.

GFORCe2 - PUB NIGHT

GFORCe2 will be hosting a pub night on Saturday, January 13th at St. Alban's Anglican Church hall. All proceeds go to support our next Syrian family. Live, local entertainment (including our own 'Dino-P-Joe Sideroad Trio), 50/50 Draw, sausage on a bun, snacks and cash bar. Donate unwanted Christmas presents for live auction fun! Free will offering on entry. Reserve your table after all Masses on January 6/7 or call James or Kate Welsh at 905-873-0011 to reserve your spot.

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 Masses during the Christmas Season.

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 the hearts and minds of those who gather, awakening within them a deeper love for Christ. Please pray that our celebration of the Christmas Season 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 (*please note there is no 12 noon Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec.24*):

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, 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

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, December 25th):

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

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 31st):

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(No 12 noon Mass today)

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 (Sunday, December 31st):

5:00 p.m.

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

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

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