

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Established as a Parish of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

## Worship Place:

224 Maple Avenue  
Georgetown, Ontario  
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## Office hours -

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  
12:00 noon on Mondays

## Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor  
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary  
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance

## Catholic Schools

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## Sunday Eucharist

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12 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.

## Parish Office:

(as of Monday, January 3, 2011)

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[www.holycrossrc.com](http://www.holycrossrc.com)  
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## Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for visits, Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are admitted to Hospital, kindly identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

"... be yourselves like living stones, built into a spiritual house ..."

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>SUNDAY, December 26</b> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 • Colossians 3:12-21 • Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
<b>MONDAY, December 27</b> <i>St. John, apostle, evangelist</i> 1 John 1:1-4 • John 20:2-8	No Mass	No Mass	Father James Malone
<b>TUESDAY, December 28</b> <i>Holy Innocents, martyrs</i> 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 • Matthew 2:13-18	No Mass	No Mass	Father Stjepan Pandzic, OFM
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 29</b> 1 John 2:3-11 • Luke 2:22-35	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Joy Khan	Eudiste Fathers, CJM
<b>THURSDAY, December 30</b> 1 John 2:12-17 • Luke 2:36-40	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Hilda Penrice † Sheila Bolte † Gail Payne	Father Ilija Puljic, OFM
<b>FRIDAY, December 31 • New Year's Eve</b> 1 John 2:18-21 • John 1:1-18	5:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Ilija Petkovic
<b>SATURDAY, January 1 • New Year's Day</b> <i>Feast of Mary, Mother of God</i> Numbers 6:22-27 • Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21	11:00 a.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Ivan Vuksic

### FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD • January 1

*Holy day of obligation in Canada.*

**New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)**

5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day (Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011)**

11:00 a.m.

Please note that there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.

### PARISH OFFICE

Please note that our parish offices will open at the new Church location on **Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011** at 12 noon.

### FROM FATHER DAVE

A sincere thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. To our decorators, musicians, liturgical ministers and all our parishioners who attended Holy Mass. May the joy of this Christmas Season be yours in the coming days.

The Christmas Season continues until the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the next Solemnity is *New Year's*. The Church celebrates this day as a feast of Mary under her principal title - Mother of God. In Canada, it is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. The *Feast of the Epiphany* is celebrated on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that there will not be a Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ministers are needed for Masses on Dec 31 & January 1.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We received "partial occupancy" of our new facility on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This means that the building is basically complete. The month of January will be an opportunity for the contractor to address any deficiencies and then we will begin celebrating Mass there once our Bishop has dedicated it on *Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>* at 3:00 p.m. The Dedication Mass with our Bishop will be the first Mass celebrated in our new parish church. There will be earlier Masses offered on February 13 (at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.) in St. Brigid School for those unable to attend the Dedication Mass.

The time from now until the Dedication will be a period of preparation and training for our various liturgical ministries in the new space. These workshops will take place in late January and early February.

Our closing celebrations will take place in our current church building on *Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>* at the regular Sunday Masses.

Our current hall will close on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow for much needed cleaning and preparation for the library's occupancy on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Your kind patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

The main library area will be in the current hall. The church area, once it is cleared of pews and religious furniture, will be additional office space for staff. There will be some limited renovations to both floors to accommodate the library's needs.

### DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Our new Diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI has made some important appointments of priests to assist him in the administration of the Diocese of Hamilton. He has named Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and Father Edward Sheridan as Vicars General. Monsignor Vincent Kerr is the new Chancellor and Diocesan spokesperson. Father Con O'Mahony is appointed the Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education. Let us pray for our Bishop and these priests who will assist him in his ministry among us.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

You are invited to visit the website of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and participate in their "Fall Action Campaign." The theme of this year's campaign is "Say no to the privatization of water." [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

### NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Local Heating and Air Conditioning company willing to donate 10% of any work performed or products purchased to our new church building fund. Will match any competitors price. Company is fully licensed and insured. Call Tony at 905-877-4938.

### CHRISTMAS & YEAR END GIFTS

Some parishioners make special donations to the parish and to the Parish Building Fund at the end of the year. All donations received by the parish on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 can be credited as a 2010 donation. Income Tax receipts will be sent out in the new year. Donations dated and received on January 1, 2011 and beyond can only be credited for 2011 receipts.

### WEDDINGS

Couples who are planning to be married at Holy Cross are reminded that we ask for one year's notice of marriage. This year is used for the various steps involved in the marriage preparation process. Couples who are members of our parish community may celebrate marriage here. Often we are asked to celebrate the weddings of parishioner's children who have moved away from Georgetown. These celebrations may take place with permission of their parish priest. People who have not been previously married may freely enter into marriage in the Catholic Church. Individuals who have been previously married cannot enter into a new marriage until their freedom to marry can be established. Father Dave is happy to assist those who have questions concerning marriage or those who wish to make wedding arrangements at Holy Cross. We are now accepting weddings for 2012.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The *Sacrament of the Sick* can be celebrated anytime one is experiencing serious illness or facing surgery. It is not only reserved to the moment of death. We no longer refer to it as "last rites" which indicates a limitation in appreciation of the healing ministry of the Church's prayer. If you, or a member of your family, would like to celebrate the *Sacrament of the Sick*, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Often it is fruitful to have members of the family present for the celebration to join in the prayer.

### RCIA - *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Anyone with a desire to become a member of the Catholic Church are warmly invited to speak with Father Dave. Our sessions will begin on Saturday, January 8 (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Each session will take place in the *Sacred Heart Meeting Room* in our new parish church. Other sessions will take place on February 26, March 5 & 19; April 9 & 16. Catholics who would like to deepen their understanding of the faith may also join us for these sessions - kindly contact Father Dave for further information.

### A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

*You may wish to gather your family today and pray this prayer of blessing together:*

Blessed are you, Eternal God,  
king of the universe:  
you have called us in Jesus to be your beloved people,  
living pure and blameless lives in your sight.

Bless our family as we ask for your grace.  
Let your Spirit guide our words and deeds,  
so that our light may shine before all  
and lead all who know us to give you praise.

May our home be filled with the spirit of love,  
with the obedience of faith,  
and the strength of hope.  
Help us to be happy in your service,  
and bring us, in your love, to our eternal home.

Father all-holy,  
we praise your name  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

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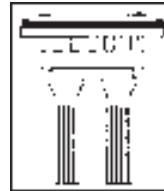


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