

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Established as a Parish of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

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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 Noon on Mondays

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
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Sunday Eucharist
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12:00 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.
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to
arrange for visits, Communion
or the Sacrament of the Sick.

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 2nd or 4th 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

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, December 27 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 • Colossians 3:12-21 • Luke 2:41-52	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 28 • Holy Innocents 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 • Matthew 2:13-18	No Mass	No Mass	Father Mike McHugh
TUESDAY, December 29 1 John 2:3-11 • Luke 2:22-35	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Siena Van Hoekelen	Father Leo Burns, CSB
WEDNESDAY, December 30 <i>All Day Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED</i> 1 John 2:12-17 • Luke 2:36-40	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Walter Dias Vasconcelos & Evangelina Vasconcelos	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
THURSDAY, December 31 1 John 2:18-21 • John 1:1-18	5:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Charles Galea
FRIDAY, January 1 • The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27 • Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21	11:00 a.m. Mass	<i>World Day of Peace</i> (I) Holy Cross Parishioners	Father Pierre Philippe Jean-Pierre
SATURDAY, January 2 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Matthew 10:17-22	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Father Archange Kébé
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Patrick Pautsch † Jon Clipperton † Balmirna Moniz † William Praught † Luigi & Antonio Micieli, Angelo DiSanto, Michele Leonardi & Luis Viera	

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 13	\$ 7,041.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 425	
Average envelope donation – \$14.56	
Building Fund	\$ 22,130.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 29,171.00

Thanks to those who have contributed to our parish building fund recently. Some of these donations have been towards the *Stations of the Cross* for our new Church. The generosity of all our parishioners is greatly appreciated.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1st is the World Day of Prayer for Peace, New Year's Day, and the liturgical celebration of Mary under her principal title: *Mother of God*. Our celebrations of the Eucharist will be on New Year's Eve at **5:00 p.m.** and on New Year's Day at **11:00 a.m.** It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in Canada. Let us pray, relying on the intercession of our Blessed Mother, that the coming year will be a year of peace for us and our families.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* has concluded. It will resume again on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010. The break is necessitated by Christmas and holiday schedules.

THANK YOU

→ Once again, our parish Knights of Columbus have volunteered to pay for the 2010 parish Sunday Missals. We are most grateful for this donation and for their continued support of the parish.

→ We have received a cheque for \$1,320.00 from the Knights of Columbus, the most recent proceeds from their pop can drive toward our new Church Building Fund. Thanks go out to the parish Knights and to all those whose participation is making this pop can drive a success.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 28th - **closed**; Tuesday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 30th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st - **closed**. We will resume regular hours on Monday, January 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Recently Baptized

Marlena Burgoyne; Levi Clement; Poet Clement; Ella Hildebrandt-Nguyen; Alexa Lucanie; Cynthia Tavares; Jocelyn Wuerch

DIOCESAN “YEAR OF THE FAMILY”

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton, has designated the coming year as the “Diocesan Year of the Family.” This celebration of family life will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 27th, 2009) and conclude on the same feast day in 2010. The *Office of Family, Ministry, and Religious Education* is planning several events for the coming year, culminating with a Diocesan family weekend in October. More details of the year will be announced as they unfold. The Bishop will offer a Pastoral Letter on the Feast of the Holy Family as a way to inaugurate the year.

Happily, this diocesan “Year of the Family” overlaps with the universal Church’s observance of the Year for Priests which concludes on June 19, 2010. Priests come from families! Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings are encouraged to pray for and support vocations to the Diocesan priesthood and religious life. Please also pray for all bishops and priests in ministry now that they may continue to grow in holiness and joy in the vocation.

EVENTS FOR YOUR HEALTH

Christmas Poem for the loss of a loved one – Our Parish Health Committee is honoured to share with you a poem that may console those that will be without a loved one for the first time this holiday season. Copies will be available on the bulletin board by the main entrance. Please feel free to pick a copy up and pass it on.

Low Impact Exercise program - In the New Year we are please to offer a second class on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and also the Thursday class from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Classes will start January 5th. Come out and burn off some of the holiday festivities. Pay-as-you-go classes only \$3. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. No babysitting available. Bring water and 2-3 pound weights if desired.

Mass with Healing Prayer – January 5th at 7:00 p.m. Come open yourself to Jesus’ healing and spend some time in prayer. Individual prayer by the members of the St. Francis of Assisi prayer group and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available after Mass.

**Income & Expenses
for October & November 2009**

Revenue

Regular Income	\$80,588.00
Building Fund Income	\$57,645.00
Other/Misc. Income	\$ 4,175.00
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$142,408.00</i>

Expenses

Church	Utilities	\$ 1,882.00
	Maintenance	\$ 2,927.00
	Sacristy	\$ 1,866.00
Rectory	Utilities	\$ 557.00
	Maintenance	\$ 3,695.00
Laity & Clergy Salaries		\$20,194.00
Administration		\$ 2,512.00
Retreats/Education		\$ 3,444.00
Parish Council & Committee		\$ 1,160.00
Other/Misc. Expenses		\$ 178.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>		<i>\$ 38,415.00</i>

During September and October we made payments of \$37,011.04 to the Walter Fedy Partnership for architectural fees; \$884,126.97 to Melloul-Blamey for new Church construction costs; and we paid \$56,094.68 for the purchase of several new sanctuary appointments. We also forwarded \$2,396.00 in Diocesan collections. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Those who currently use offering envelopes to offer your financial support of the parish may pick up your 2010 box of envelopes after Mass in the ushers room off the main entrance of the Church. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes kindly complete a “Parish Registration Form” or contact the office. Your generous support of the parish is greatly appreciated. Our parish’s “year end” is December 31st. Donations given after this date are credited for the following year. If you would like to have your donations credited for 2009 they must be received by December 31st. Receipts will be mailed out in January.

CALENDARS

“Year of the Family” calendars are available for you to take after Mass today.

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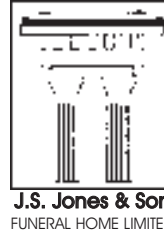
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