



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 K. Cull, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Dino Arsenault, Maintenance
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse
Ms. Rachael de Souza, Youth Minister

SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(*12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 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 Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President
905-877-7226

Knights of Columbus

Jim McDonald, Grand Knight
905-873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

Prayer Network

Chris 905-877-0462
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Saint Brigid School

905-877-1779

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Date | Time | Holy Mass | Parish Meetings |
|--|--|--|---|
| SUNDAY, December 3 <i>Advent 1</i> | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Wisdom 6.12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13) | |
| MONDAY, December 4 | | No Mass | |
| TUESDAY, December 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 6 - 6:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Advent Family Mass (Wisdom 2.23 - 3.9; Luke 17.7-10) (I) Holy Cross Parish School Staff & Students | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | 9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | 10:30am Choir Rehearsal - CHURCH |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | 4 th Degree Meeting - Cote Hall |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | CWL Executive Meeting - Sacred Heart |
| WEDNESDAY December 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Wisdom 6.1-11; Luke 11.19) † Silvano Guidotti | |
| | 10:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. at School | St. Brigid School Masses † Marie MacDonald † Ermine Darmanin | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | RCIA - Sacred Heart Room |
| THURSDAY, December 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Wisdom 7.22 - 8.1; Luke 17.20-25) † Lisa & Oscar Abanilla | |
| | 10:00 a.m. at School | Holy Cross School Mass † Michael Waytowych | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 10:30am Choir Rehearsal - see Tuesday |
| FRIDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Wisdom 13.1-9; Luke 17.26-37) † Cedric D'Souza † Joseph Belliveau † Deceased Members of Fagan & Lescak Families (I) Antonio Medeiros | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | Sr. Crosspoint - Cote Hall |
| SATURDAY, December 9 | 2:00 p.m. | Memorial Mass | Reception in Cote Hall after Mass |
| | 4 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful.</i> Artur Raposo; Robert O'Gorman; Patrick Stoyles; Nicola Varricchio; Elisa Centani, Vincenzo Testa & Francesco Vallecoccia; Manuel & John Araujo. Intentions of Harry & Eileen Ellis.. | This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill. |
| | 6:15 p.m. | | Jr. Crosspoint - Cote Hall |

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Parish memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. We will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year, but all parishioners are invited to come to remember their own family and friends who have died over the years. Following the Mass there will be a light reception in Cote Hall. Please RSVP to Theresa Scholz at 905-873-1887, ext. 5.

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 to the parish website at www.holycrossrc.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAKE SALES - Once again, Pieta Council Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cakes, after all Masses this weekend. The price for a large cake is \$25 and for a small cake \$18. All proceeds from the sale of these cakes go to Campaign Life Coalition. Please purchase one or more cakes and help us support Campaign Life Coalition.

TOONIE'S FOR TURKEYS - Again this year the Knights will be collecting "Toonie's for Turkeys" in support of our local food bank to provide Christmas dinners for local families. We will be collecting after all Masses on December 9/10 & 16/17. If you have any questions please contact Michael Simpson at 647-206-4742.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2018 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 2017 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal. The 2018 Sunday Missal begins on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd.

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 this fall. Further details will be in the bulletin in January 2018.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

The Sign-up Sheet for Christmas and New Year's Masses is available in the Narthex this weekend, December 2/3 and next weekend, December 9/10. Please take a moment and sign-up to help.

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

HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations towards their special Christmas collection this past weekend. The donations allow them to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas.

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of St. Brigid Catholic School Council you are invited to join us prior to the Advent Holy Mass on Tuesday, December 5th. Families are welcome to join us in creating an Advent craft from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in Cote Hall. Advent Family Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to cscstbrigid@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our new Altar Servers - Sara Colgan, Paola Jaeger Rodriguez; Ana Jelacic, Daniella Marchesin, Elias Medeiros, Gabriel Mills, Celina Newton, Serina Newton, and Joaquin Tulaylay. They have completed their training and will begin helping Father Cull with Holy Mass.

YOUTH GROUPS

CROSSPOINT: Advent in a Tent . . . camping ground: Cote Hall at 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 8th. Join us if you are in grades 9-12. There will be S'Mores! RSVP to hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

JR. CROSSPOINT: The Gift! A Night on Advent for everyone in grades 6-8, Saturday, December 9th in Cote Hall. RSVP hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools Programme is still looking for volunteers to pray the Rosary (or a part of it) with every student in their respective classrooms once a month from October to May. If you have a devotion to Our Mother Mary, and are willing to visit the school to pray the Rosary with the students once a month from October to May for about 2 hours per visit, we truly need your help. Training will be provided. Contact Rosanna Palmieri at rpalmieri@bell.net for details.

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