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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 30 Holy Family	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52)	
NEW YEAR'S EVE, MONDAY, December 31	5:00 p.m.	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)	
NEW YEAR'S DAY, TUESDAY, January 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21)	
WEDNESDAY January 2		No Mass	
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, January 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 2.29, 3.1-6; John 1.29-34) (I) Zenaida Van Klink	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		Baptism Prep - Cote Hall
FRIDAY, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42) † Kata Babic † Gerald Hundt † Adelaide & Eduarda Frias † Katie Moore	
SATURDAY, January 5	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Epiphany of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: George & Nina Busuttill; Bento Borges; Germano & Julia Borges, Liduino & Jose Borges & Manuel & Jose Reis; Rina Bellai; Bernard & Helen Hastings; Jack & Florence Kelly.</i>	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the deOliveira; Pavao & Silva Families.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 16	\$ 8,482.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 415	
Average envelope donation – \$19.19	
Building Fund	\$ 820.00
Regular Collection • December Pre-Auth.	\$ 7,626.25
Total number of regular envelopes – 98	
Average envelope donation – \$15.47	
Building Fund	\$ 2,565.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 19,493.25

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who have helped to make our celebration of Christmas so meaningful and so beautiful. Thanks to the efforts of our parish choirs who led in song; our liturgical ministers who helped proclaim God's Word and assisted at the Altar and with hospitality. A special thanks to our volunteer decorators for enhancing our celebration with our Christmas decor. Thanks too for the many cards and kind gifts that you have given me

and the parish staff. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families in this Holy Season.

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 on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed 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.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Boxed sets of 2019 envelopes are available for pick up this weekend. 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 been 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.

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 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 this weekend. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of St. Joseph of our Diocese are in the process of downsizing. In so doing they sent to the Chancery Office a variety of liturgical vessels, (chalices, ciboria, monstrances, candle sticks, etc.). It fell upon me to find a home for these items so Holy Cross Church will become the home of a chalice given to the Sisters in 1921 as well as a ceremonial basin and bowl. The refinishing of the items has taken place and soon they will be on display in the ambry with the Holy Oils. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the restoration of these items I will be happy to share with you the details. *Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan, PH.*

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Msgr. Sheridan and our hospital visitors make regular visits to the sick in the Georgetown Hospital. Kindly be

sure to identify yourself as a Catholic so that your name can be given to us when we visit. Please note that the *Sacrament of the Sick* can be received at any time of serious illness or before surgery. If you, or a family member, are homebound due to illness please inform the parish office. Arrangements can be made for the reception of Holy Communion, home visits and the assistance of our parish nurse.

2019 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2019 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriage outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

BAPTISMS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with children when at least one parent is a Catholic. Parents and godparents are called to take up the practice of the faith if this has been lacking. You are the "first teachers" of your children in the faith and we pray that you will be the best of teachers! For serious family reasons, permission may be given for Baptism to be celebrated in another Catholic parish, or to celebrate Baptism with families from outside our parish. Arrangements for Baptism can be made before the child is born. We ask new parents to participate in a *Baptism Preparation Meeting* (generally the first Thursday of each month). It would be fine to participate in this meeting before the child is born. Godparents are welcome to attend the meeting if they are able. A "godparent" is a fully initiated Roman Catholic - meaning that they are baptized, confirmed and regularly practising their Catholic faith. Baptized non-Catholics may act as a *Christian Witness* along with a Catholic godparent.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) and clicking the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with the Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

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