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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 31 <i>Holy Family</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 15.1-6, 17.3b-5, 15-16, 21.1-7; Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2.22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40)	<b>NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY</b> 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)	
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY MONDAY</b> 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)	<b>NO 12 NOON MASS TODAY</b>
TUESDAY, January 2	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - <b>CANCELLED</b>	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - <b>CANCELLED</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass - <b>CANCELLED</b>	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - <b>CANCELLED</b>
	7:30 p.m.		4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting - <b>CANCELLED</b>
WEDNESDAY January 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass - <b>CANCELLED</b>	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - <b>CANCELLED</b>
THURSDAY, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42) † Andres Ragsac	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir - <b>CANCELLED</b>
FRIDAY, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51) † Marika Bukovcan † Lisa Mendaglio (I) Special Intentions (I) Valerie Knowles	
SATURDAY, January 6	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Epiphany of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful.</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Dimas DeSilva; Luis Botelho; Fred Miscio & Gina Perry; Walter Van Gool; Hannah & William Standley; Bento Borges	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Brian McCloskey.

### MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

*A heartfelt expression of thanks . . .* On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent greetings, cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your generosity and kindness, and I rejoice in the blessing of serving you throughout the coming year. I assure you of my prayers each morning before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Christmas season be a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones. A special word of thanks is extended to all who helped to celebrate Christmas with such reverence and gracious dignity. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully. Thanks to the choirs, children's liturgy leaders, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ministers of hospitality.

### *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day, is observed as a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Catholics have a solemn obligation to worship at Mass on this day. Hopefully, we are motivated to respond to this obligation out of love for Mary, who always leads us into the heart of her beloved Son. On this day, we give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and the spiritual mother of all the faithful. The scriptural basis for this Solemnity is found in the Gospel of John, chapter 19. While dying on the cross, Jesus told the beloved disciple, who represents each one of us, "Behold your mother."

*Outdoor Hockey* . . . 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.

### 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](mailto:alphaholycross@gmail.com)

**Sign-up:** The Alpha course will begin on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.holycrossrc.com)

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018

Boxed sets of 2018 envelopes will be available for pick up again 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 2018 should be returned by **Sunday, January 7**. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

### ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools Programme is a wonderful way to foster a spirit of prayer in our children and inspire them to love God and Mary, by teaching them to pray the Rosary! Our volunteers 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. Please contact Rosanna Palmieri at [rpalmieri@bell.net](mailto:rpalmieri@bell.net) for more information.

### 2018 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2018 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.

### GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Father Cull 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.

### PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our parish family.

May all who gather know that they are loved, valued and welcomed with open arms.

As we celebrate Your goodness and mercy, help us to be instruments of healing and peace to one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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