



# 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

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

**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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluca, President  
(905) 877-7226

### Knights of Columbus

Jim McDonald, Grand Knight  
(905) 873-2519

### Holy Cross Youth Group

[hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com)

### Prayer Network

Chris (905) 877-0462  
Frans (905) 877-6369

### Christ the King Secondary

(905) 702-8838

### Holy Cross School

(905) 877-4451

### Saint Francis School

(905) 877-6928

### Saint Brigid School

(905) 877-1779

### Saint Catherine School

(905) 702-8001

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 4 Advent 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-9; Matthew 3.1-12)	
MONDAY, December 5		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 6	10:00 a.m. <u>at School</u>	Holy Cross School Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † John Gibson	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † Bolislawa & Aurelia Wegrzyn	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Sacred Heart
WEDNESDAY December 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † Joseph Cashen	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
THURSDAY, December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38) † Bill Buck	
	10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. <u>at School</u>	St. Brigid School Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † Sean Tannahill † Sylvia Nagle	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
FRIDAY, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Vivian Stone † Deceased Members of the deSouza/Freeman Family (I) Special Intentions	
	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
SATURDAY, December 10	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Jean-Jouis Landry, Patrick Stoyles, Jose & Ilda DeMelo; Elisa Centani, Vincenzo Testa & Francesco Vallecoccia; Edward Duffy; Marge Willis.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

### MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

*The Season of Advent.* . . While the calendar year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church's year starts with the Season of Advent. Advent has a twofold nature: we look forward to Christ's second coming and we recall His first coming at Bethlehem. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. There is, however, a growing discomfort among many people with the commercialization of Christmas, a sense that we have forgotten the true meaning of the season. In order to recapture the "reason for the Season of Christmas" we are invited to approach Advent in a spirit of humble prayer.

*Marriage Preparation Program.* . . I wish to thank the members of the Marriage Preparation Team under the gentle leadership of Kathy & Gerry Byrne for facilitating the recent parish program. The 5 couples that participated are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the parish. The other members of the team are Fran & Jim Moore, Linda & John Discenza, Kelly & Michael Bordage and Steve & Andrea Colgan.

*Celebration of First Reconciliation . . .* About 250 grade 2 children from the parish celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation or Confession over the past weeks.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

► *Christmas Cakes* ... Knights will be selling Christmas Cakes once again this year after all Masses beginning this weekend. Small cakes are \$15 and large cakes \$25. These cakes are made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey and all money raised goes to Campaign Life Coalition.

► *Sunday Missals* ... 2017 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 2016 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

► *Toonies for Turkeys* ... the Knights of Columbus are looking for your support in a Christmas fundraiser we are calling "*Toonies for Turkeys*." We will be supporting our local food bank. This initiative will help the food bank to provide needy families in our community with a turkey for Christmas. All money raised will be donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket. We will be collecting money on the weekends of December 3/4 and 10/11. Thank you in advance for your support. For information please contact Michael at 647-206-4752.

## ALPHA - REGISTRATION

The Alpha course begins at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! We are now ready to accept registrations. Alpha is for people who do not have a relationship with God, or for people who have been away from church for an extended period of time, or for people who have had little or no experience of the Christian faith. If you, your spouse, family member, co-worker or friend would benefit from this course, please inform them about Alpha and provide them with the URL below. Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a 30-minute video and then small group discussions. The discussions are an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas without being corrected or judged. For more information about the program, to register, to view videos or to send an email for more information, enter the following URL into your Internet browser: <https://goo.gl/YkpZ7R> or visit the parish website at [www.holycrossrc.com](http://www.holycrossrc.com) For people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, plans are in place to introduce a similar program next year.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Food, Wine, Song and Saints - A Trip Through Italy: Father Mark Gatto of St. Matthew Parish in Oakville and his music director, Dwayne Cahill, are organizing a trip through Italy for next spring, May 28 to June 7, 2017. Anyone interested in joining them and/or who would like to get more information, please contact Fr. Mark at [mgatto@saintmatthew.ca](mailto:mgatto@saintmatthew.ca)

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is looking for lunch supervision assistance. Please contact the school at 905-877-6928 if you are interested in this paid position.

## CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the Christmas Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms are available in the narthex for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas Season.

## PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Parish memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CHRISTMAS 2016

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Masses** - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*Carols will be sung before each Mass.*

**5:00 p.m.** Christmas Mass

**7:00 p.m.** Christmas Mass

**9:00 p.m.** Christmas Mass

**12:00 a.m.** Solemn Midnight Mass (with Incense)

**Christmas Day Masses** - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**9:00 a.m.** Christmas Mass (with children's pageant)

**10:30 a.m.** Christmas Mass



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