

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Bulletin announcements accepted until
12 Noon on Mondays

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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 ..."

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SUNDAY, December 6 Baruch 5:1-9 • Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 • Luke 3:1-6	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, December 7 Isaiah 35:1-10 • Luke 5:17-26	No Mass	No Mass	Father Jerzy Tomon
TUESDAY, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.</i> Genesis 3:9-15, 20 • Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 • Luke 1:26-38	7:00 p.m. Mass	<i>School Advent Mass</i> (I) Holy Cross School (I) St. Brigid School	Father David Wynen
WEDNESDAY, December 9 <i>All Day Eucharistic Adoration</i> Isaiah 40:25-31 • Matthew 11:28-30	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Emerine deSouza	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
THURSDAY, December 10 Isaiah 41:13-20 • Matthew 11:11-15	8:00 a.m. Mass	† J.L. Landry	Father Donat Gionet, CJM
FRIDAY, December 11 Isaiah 48:17-19 • Matthew 11:16-19	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Maria Almeida † Donald Martin † Robert Jackson	Father Robert Bulbrook
SATURDAY, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zechariah 2:10-13 • Luke 1:39-47	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Father Edward House
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Mark Pilarski † Jose & Ilda De Melo † Patrick Stoyles † Manuel Vieira † Tarcisio Matteazzi	

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 7

6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal - church
8:00 p.m. *5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - cancelled*

TUESDAY, December 8

7:30 p.m. For People in the Pews - church hall
7:30 p.m. *K of C General Meeting - cancelled*

WEDNESDAY, December 9

8:00 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting - church hall

THURSDAY, December 10

11:00 a.m. Low Impact Exercise - church hall
7:00 p.m. 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal - church

SATURDAY, December 12

11:00 a.m. First Reconciliation - Parish Group

CHRISTMAS VACATION FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Monday, December 21st** for skating, carol singing and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday & 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses on Sunday, December 5/6 and 12/13. You can also purchase tickets from Marie Simpson at 905-877-6928 or from Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 22 \$ 7,723.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 455

Average envelope donation – \$13.78

Building Fund \$ 1,340.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 9,063.00

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 next weekend after Mass in 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Any children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, we will be having a meeting in the church hall on Sunday, December 13th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. For further information please contact Debbie Baker at 905-702-0006 or Claudine Waddick 905-702-9121.

FAMILY ADVENT MASSES

Families attending our parish's Catholic elementary schools are invited to gather for the celebration of Mass during Advent:

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Cross School & St. Brigid School

Tuesday, December 15th, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)

St. Francis School & St. Catherine School

All are welcome to join us for these celebrations during this joyful Advent Season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

❖ **General Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus General Meeting scheduled for **December 8th is cancelled.**

❖ **Food Drive:** Next weekend, December 12/13, is the final weekend the Knights of Columbus will have a van in the parking lot before all Masses collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank. The Georgetown Bread Basket has a greater need this year so please give generously.

❖ **Pro-Life Christmas Cakes:** The Knights of Columbus are again selling Pro-Life Christmas cakes in support of Campaign Life Coalition. They will be available for sale starting this weekend. For further information please call Tony Smyth at 647-407-1617.

YEAR FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19th, 2009), Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a "Year for Priests" in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. The year, meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world, will conclude in June 2010.

In his letter of proclamation the Pope said: *"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus" - the saintly Curé of Ars would often say. This touching expression makes us reflect, first of all, with heartfelt gratitude on the immense gift which priests represent, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself. I think of all those priests who quietly present Christ's words and actions each day to the faithful and to the whole world, striving to be one with the Lord in their thoughts and their will, their sentiments and their style of life. How can I not pay tribute to their apostolic labors, their tireless and hidden service, and their universal charity? And how can I not praise the courageous fidelity of so many priests who, even amid difficulties and incomprehension, remain faithful to their vocation as "friends of Christ," whom he has called by name, chosen and sent?*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24)

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight Mass (Incense)

A word to the wise the 5:00 p.m. Mass was VERY, VERY crowded last year. We will begin that celebration as soon as we have a full church (sitting and standing). You may wish to come to Mass at 7 p.m. or one of the later Christmas Eve or Christmas morning Masses to avoid large crowds, difficult parking and standing!

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)

10:00 a.m. (Pageant)

12:00 Noon (Incense)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec 31) — 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Friday, January 1) — 11:00 a.m.

In Canada, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Development & Peace Fair Trade Sales and Action Campaign. We gave out 300 action cards and 120 were turned in with signatures. Thank you to those who go on to forward their postcards individually. Please remember that no postage is required for information sent to the government. We are looking forward to selling more choices of Fair Trade products on Coffee Sunday, January 17, 2010. We appreciate your continued support of our neighbours in developing countries.

DEALING WITH GRIEF

The Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education is hosting an evening on **"Coping with the Holidays."** Thursday, December 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King Street West, Hamilton. This will be an opportunity for grieving people to come together to learn and share strategies for coping at this difficult time of the year. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 to reserve your seat. Admission is FREE.

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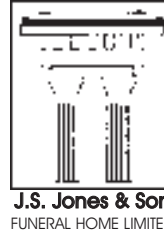
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