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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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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.vocationinfo.ca

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 6 Advent 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6)	
MONDAY, December 7		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38) † Bill Kent	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY December 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30) † Josephine Scharfenberg	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15) † Elisa Testa, Sante Vincenzo & Francesco Vallecoccia	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Patrick Stoyles † Ljubica Babic † Maria Rosario & Augusto Sales	
SATURDAY, December 12	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> J.L. Landry; Delia & Kevin Soares; Monique Gamesh; Marge Willis; Macedonio Alanes; Mary Valade; Holy Souls	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Cecilia Clare Gibson.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

The Season of Advent. . . While the calendar year begins on January 1st, 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.

Congratulations to the newest altar servers. . . I am grateful to all of the altar servers who carry out their responsibilities with such dedication. A heartfelt welcome to the newest group of servers who completed their training: Samuel Bedal, Jacob Chamberlin, Rayna Chantrel, Malcolm Egan, Joshua Hervatin, Jillian Lefort,

Sapphira Marchesin, Matthew McCarthy, Elizabeth Morrison, and Cadyn Rossi.

Marriage Preparation Program. . . I wish to thank the members of the Marriage Preparation Team under the gentle leadership of Kathy and Gerry Byrne for facilitating the recent parish program. The 16 couples that participated are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the parish. The other members of the team are Fran and Jim Moore, Linda and John Discenza and Kelly and Michael Bordage.

Celebration of First Reconciliation or Confession . . . About 200 grade 2 children from the parish celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation or Confession over the past weeks. It was a joy to celebrate with the boys and girls who experienced the beautiful gift of God's healing and reconciling love.

All Day Confessions . . . During the Year of Mercy instituted by Pope Francis, pastors are encouraged to offer an extended period of time for the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Our parish will offer parishioners from the northern zone of Halton Deanery (Georgetown, Acton, Norval and Milton) for all day confessions on Friday, December 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2016 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.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on December 5/6 & 12/13. This is an annual fundraiser in support of Campaign Life Coalition's pro-life/respect life work to have no abortions allowed in Canada. Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass to assist you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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 5/6 and 12/13. Thank you in advance for your support. For information please contact Michael at 647-206-4752.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Families planning to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day are invited to have their children participate in a pageant (there is no speaking involved). Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 13th in Cote Hall.

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.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join us on Monday, December 28th 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 on the weekend of December 19/20. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane Santaluce at 905-877-7226 or Marie Simpson at 905-873-9480.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Boxed sets of 2016 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 13 & 20. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2016 will be mailed in the coming days - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS 2015

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 18th from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, December 24th, 2015

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 - Friday, December 25th, 2015

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

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

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