



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 David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (October 14 - April 28)

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - 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 David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

Mary Jo Jans, President
(905) 873-4151

Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389
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Mark Rowe, Trustee

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(905) 702-8838

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(905) 877-1779

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(905) 877-4451

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(905) 702-8001

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(905) 632-6300

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 9 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6)	
MONDAY, December 10		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 am Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members
TUESDAY, December 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † John & Margaret Doleman	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour (Church)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14) † Diane Flynn	
	7:30 p.m.		K of C General Meeting (Cote Hall)
WEDNESDAY, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Zec. 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47) † Ingrid Kastelic	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
THURSDAY, December 13		No Mass	
	7:00 p.m.		11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room)
FRIDAY, December 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19) † Emerine deSousa † Mike Bosiljevac † Mary Valade	
SATURDAY December 15	4 - 4:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Helen Hastings; Virginio Sousa; Bill Finnigan; Matt & Mary Jekovec; Frank Maddigan; Holy Souls	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the Nicola Varricchio.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 25	\$ 10,652.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 459	
Average envelope donation – \$16.85	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Holy Cross HELPS	\$ 5,137.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 17,039.00

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013

Boxed sets of 2013 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 9 & 16. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2013 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 2012

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Several priests will be available on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. This is the final scheduled time for Confession before Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses - Monday, December 24th, 2012

Carols will be sung before each Mass. The Masses of Christmas Eve are referred to as "vigil" Masses:

5:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses - Tuesday, December 25th, 2012

9:00 a.m. - with children's pageant

11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN SKATE

Please plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013** for skating and hot chocolate. We have rented a rink at Mold Masters from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50 p.m. and would love to see you there! Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 a family on December 15th/16th after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Sunday after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. For information or to purchase tickets contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

VOLUNTEER COUPLES NEEDED

A Holy Cross parishioner, in association with the Diocesan Office of Family Ministry, is conducting an independent scientific study. Volunteer couples are needed for an anonymous compatibility study. Couples who are having or have had difficulties in their relationship and have sought or are considering counselling. It is hoped that the outcome of the study will assist adults to become more self-aware and to identify the desired qualities of a potential spouse. A package is available for pick up in the parish office. Your participation is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DAY CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Call all children who will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. If you plan to be at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, will you please help us act out the story of Jesus' birth through the Christmas Pageant? There is no speaking required and all costumes are provided. Everyone is welcome. Please help us celebrate Christmas. Initial meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Cote Hall for role assignment and costume selection. Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 23rd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. For further information contact Claudine at 905-702-9121 or email cwaddick@cogeco.ca

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to make clothing and non-perishable food donations to this organization may contact Paul Brown at 905-873-6591 or Doug Tucker at 905-877-9906 to arrange pickup. For information about what may be acceptable for use please call Canadian Food For Children directly from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 905-274-9239. No used books or electronics please.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A very special word of thanks to the *Catholic Women's League of Holy Cross Parish* who have placed a statue of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** in our parish church in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the League in our parish. Bishop Crosby blessed the image during the Anniversary Mass on November 30th.

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is **December 12th**. She is referred to as the Patroness of the Americas and the Star of the New Evangelization. Her story is a beautiful one.

She is standing with brilliant light surrounding her (Revelation 12.1). Her hands are clasped together in prayer - she joins her prayers with ours - she is, like us, a disciple. The image stands on an angel for she is greater than the angels. This posture of being carried was significant for the Aztec people as only kings and queens are carried in this manner.

The four petal sash at her waist, an Aztec symbol, indicates her virginity, but the swelling below the sash indicates that she is with Child.

The flower embroidered on the abdomen of her dress, where the heart of the baby would be, is a Quinconx, a flower that in Aztec culture indicates the Lord of the Universe.

The four embroidered flowers on the dress indicate a map of the mountains of the region where she appeared to *Saint Juan Diego*. The mantel is turquoise colour with gold trim ... the colours of royalty in Aztec culture.

The veil of stars is a map of the constellations of the sky on the very day of the apparition December 9, 1531 ... confirmed by modern day astronomers.

The cuffs of her dress are folded back as a sign of Jewish nobility. The angel is holding both the veil (heaven) and the dress (earth). The apparition is a message from heaven for the whole earth. Many conversions have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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