

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12 Noon \sim 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. \sim 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. \sim 12 Noon

PARISH STAFF

Father K. Cull, Pastor

Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary

Mrs. Barb Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant

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.vocationinfo.ca

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 15 <i>Ordinary</i> 6	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31 - 11.1; Mark 1.40-45)	
MONDAY, February 16 Family Day		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled
TUESDAY, February 17	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Genesis 6.5-8, 7.1-5, 10; Mark 8.14-21) † George Coyle	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18	9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18) (I) Holy Cross Parish	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled
THURSDAY, February 19	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) † Steven Hawes	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 20	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † Judith Marcela Barsallo (I) Angelina Buenviaje (I) Mary McElroy	
	6:00 p.m.	Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.	
SATURDAY, February 21	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sundayof Lent Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Jose Fernandes Couto, Conceicao Melo & Antonio Medeiros; Janet Comuzzi; Verginio deSousa; George Miehm; Maria Carmo Medeiros; Raymundo Bumanlag; Cesar Pontes	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Fagan, Lescak and Manina Families.

Message from Father Cull

SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 18th). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days (including Sundays) we make sacrifices, take on penance, fast and abstain from non-essentials, so that we might focus more directly on the Lord in our lives. During this season, catechumens (those who are preparing for baptism) prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion – and all of us are invited to recall our baptism and adopt a penitential spirit to prepare for the joy of Easter.

Please prayerfully consider the following ways of entering more fully into the spirit of the Lenten season:

- Participating in the 3-Part Scripture Series that I will be presenting in power point format reflecting and meditating on three key passages in the Gospel of John: the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These three passages were of particular significance to those preparing for baptism in the early Church. As we did with the series by Father Barron on the Person of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King this past November, the series will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The dates for the sessions are as follows: Tuesday February 24th and Wednesday February 25th, Tuesday March 3rd and Wednesday March 4th, Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday March 11th.

- **-Praying** over the scripture readings for each day of the forty days of Lent using the meditation booklet by Father Barron.
- **-Fasting** by giving some precious time each week to either participate at Holy Mass on Tuesday Evenings or to gather for Adoration and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.
- -Almsgiving by setting aside one dollar a day in support of the Share Lent Offering (or some other charity such as Canadian Food for Children).

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 18, 2015)

9:00 a.m.	Parish Mass with Imposition of Ashes
10:00 a.m.	Liturgy - St. Brigid School (School)
11:30 a.m.	Liturgy - St. Catherine School (School)
1:00 p.m.	Liturgy - Holy Cross School (School)
2:00 p.m.	Liturgy - St. Francis School (School)
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mass with Imposition of Ashes

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *universal* fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. The rules for abstaining from meat are simple. All Catholics, 14 years of age and older, may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday as a sign of penance. One may choose to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year or perform some act of charity in place of abstinence.

Fasting from food applies to Catholics, in good health, who are between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age. A fast may simply mean eating less food at the times of day we normally eat.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS OF LENT

During Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will follow Adoration starting at 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to reflect on the depth of God's self-sacrificing love, to join our sufferings to those of Jesus and to become more sensitive to the needs of those

around us. This is a wonderful Lenten devotion for individuals and families.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

During the penitential Season of Lent, I encourage you to make your peace with God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. Pope Francis so beautifully reminds us: "Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms...How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost! Let me say once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." There will be opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 28th, Tuesday, March 31st, and Wednesday, April 1st. In addition, a Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our February CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Our Guest Speaker, Dr. Paul Zeni, General Practitioner, Halton Healthcare Services Georgetown Hospital. Dr. Zeni will speak about Palliative/Hospice Care, Compassionate Care at End of Life.

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON

Birthright Milton would like to thank Father Cull and the parishioners of Holy Cross for your generosity. Our Baby Bottle Drive was a wonderful success, raising close to \$5800 which will be put towards a much needed advertising campaign in the Halton area. We especially would like to thank the ladies of the Catholic Women's League for all their help and continued support. Receipts for any donations over the past year will be available at all Masses on the weekends of February 21/22 and February 28/March 1. Members of the CWL can also pick up their receipts at their General Meeting on February 17th. If you require a receipt and it is not with the others, please contact our office at 905-875-1245 or email milton@birthright.org

LIFE DANCE & SOIREE W/LIQUID JAZZ PROJECT

Support our students of the Halton Catholic District School Board and the Culture of Life activities, including participation in the National March for Life, and have fun while you are doing it! Saturday, February 28th at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Tickets are \$25 and will be available here after Mass next weekend. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cash Bar. To reserve your tickets, call Mary Muller at 905-847-0595 or Lucie Brun del Re at 905-336-8558 or 289-983-7684.

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