



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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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

Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluca, President
(905) 877-7226

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Jim McDonald, Grand Knight
(905) 873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 19 <i>Ordinary 7</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3.16-23; Matthew 5.38-48)	
MONDAY, February 20		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
TUESDAY, February 21	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Sirach 2.1-11; Mark 9.30-37) † Dilza Borges Lucinda	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY February 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19) † Joe & Ana Rici	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Sirach 5.1-8; Mark 9.41-50) † Souls in Purgatory	
	6:15 p.m.		Alpha Course - Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Sirach 6.5-17; Mark 10.1-12) † Bonifacia Reyes † Felicitas & Luncena Bumanlag † Joan Gomes † Maria do Carmelo Pavao	
SATURDAY, February 25	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> John Bonello; Joao Cabral & Conceicao Sousa; Normanda Pimentel; Maria Pittarelli; Ginny Jans, George Miehme; Deceased members of the Mischio Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Artur Raposo.

Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* begins with **Ash Wednesday** (March 1st). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days 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:

- **Joining me for two sessions of Lenten Reflections.** I will be offering two sessions this Lent. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Dates for the sessions are as follows: March 8/9 and March 22/23.

- **Praying** over the scripture readings for each day of the Lenten season. You are encouraged to use the resource that will be made available this Lent entitled “The Joy of Mercy” by Father Joe Kempt.

- **Fasting** by giving some precious time each week to either participate at Holy Mass on Tuesday Evenings or to gather for 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).

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will begin 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 are opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. In addition, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

MEN'S & WOMEN'S RETREATS

Come join us for a silent retreat at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. The retreat is a special time away from the frenzy of everyday life: a time to relax, reflect, pray and learn, perhaps for the first time, to enjoy

the blessing of silence. It is a wonderful opportunity to come to know God in your own way in a peaceful, prayerful setting. Women's Weekend - March 10 to 12, 2017 and Men's Weekend - March 17 to 19, 2017. Transportation can be arranged. For more information please contact Daryll or Joanne Hillier at 905-873-0262.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Chili & Games Night . . . Plan to join us on Saturday, February 25th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Cote Hall for Chili, Hotdogs and Dessert followed by a family games night. Tickets are \$10 per family or \$5 per person. Bring your favourite game and stay and visit with friends and parishioners. If you would like to donate a pot of chili or a dessert please let us know at the sign up table. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend (if tickets are still available).

March Break Family Skate . . . Plan to join us on Wednesday, March 15th from 7:15 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. at MoldMasters Arena. Sign up will begin at the end of February. Watch for details to follow.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat . . . Thursday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge. We will travel by coach bus to the theatre. Tickets are \$65 per person and are available this weekend or by contacting the parish office. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SOCK DRIVE

Holy Cross School in partnership with *Socks4Souls Canada* will be hosting it's 2nd sock drive for the homeless in the GTA. *Socks4Souls Canada* is a non-profit volunteer organization committed to contributing warmth to homeless communities by providing them with new clean socks. "Foot problems account for 20% of the medical complaints of the homeless. New socks minimize the possibility of frostbite and reduce the risk of cellulitis, impetigo, fungal infections, trench foot and skin breakdown." - *Socks4Souls Canada*. As our school Lenten project, the grade 8's will be collecting sock donations starting Tuesday February 21st until Friday March 3rd. Our goal is to collect 1200 pairs of socks! We are asking for donations of ***black or navy blue brand new men's socks***. Please drop your sock donations at the school. Thank you for your support.

NEXT SUNDAY IS COFFEE SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, February 26th for refreshments in the parish hall after Mass (Sunday only). We will have religious articles and fair trade products for sale as well as our monthly blood pressure clinic. Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the Church after all Masses to take up their monthly collection.

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