



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
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

Catholic Women's League

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 22 <i>Lent 1</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1-12-15)	
MONDAY, February 23		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, February 24	11:00 a.m.		Fr. Robert Barron - Session #1
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15) † Cecilia McGuish & Martha Parker	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - St. Joseph
WEDNESDAY February 25	8:30 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32) † Maria Pittarelli	
	7:00 p.m.		Fr. Robert Barron - Session #1
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, February 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12) † Teresa & Felicitas Bumanlag	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, February 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ezekiel 18-21-28; Matthew 5.20-26) † Lojza Vagina † Ed Tellier † Mrs. Fergus Mallon	
	6:00 p.m.	Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.	
SATURDAY, February 28	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Lorenzo Cosentino; Marcia Crossman; Doug Christensen; Ron Mathé, Dora & Wesley Folts & Jeannete Dupuis; Frank Maddigan	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of John and Jeremiah deOliveira.			

Message from Father Cull

SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* began 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).

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.**

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. 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 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 this 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.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Are you part of a Small Christian Community at Holy Cross Parish? If you are, please contact the parish office and let us know who you are and when you meet. We would like to get a list of the groups meeting in the parish and the resources they are using. Please email the office at holycrossgeorgetown@bellnet.ca or call 905-873-1887.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015

Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" Written by the women of the Bahamas. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christians of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people, praying with them and for them; and use our talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. Please join us in celebrating World Day of Pray at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. S., Friday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the Narthex of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

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