



# 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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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary  
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Ms. Rachael de Souza, Youth Minister

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 noon\*\*  
(\*\*12:00 noon September to June)

**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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

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905-877-1176  
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416-505-4354

### Knights of Columbus

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### Prayer Network

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, February 25 <i>Lent 2</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-10)	
MONDAY, February 26		No Mass	
TUESDAY, February 27	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Family Mass (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23.1-12) † Isilda Goncalves	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY February 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28) † Adelino de Matos, Maria Raposo & Jose Fernando	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
THURSDAY, March 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31) † Gerard Basil Burns	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		Card Reader Training - Cote Hall
FRIDAY, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Gen. 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matt. 21.33-43, 45-46) † Lisa Mendaglio † Michele Graziani † All Souls in Purgatory † In honour of St. Joseph	
	9:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 3	11:00 a.m.		Card Reader Training - Cote Hall
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Louis Botelho; Patrick Melvin; Michael Luby; Joan Gauthier; Sherman Everard; Jose Pacheco; Antonio Silva	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

### CHURCH BUILDING SECURITY UPGRADES

From March 5, 2018 and onwards a new security system of key entry will be used at the church. All parish ministry leaders will be contacted inviting them to attend one of the training sessions on March 1<sup>st</sup> or March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you currently have a key for the church and are no longer a ministry leader, please return the key to the parish office. Using the "old" key with the new security system, after March 4<sup>th</sup>,

could activate a security alarm. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### WEST SIDE STORY

The parish Social Committee is planning a trip to St. Jacob's Theatre on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to see *West Side Story* at 7:30 p.m. We will travel by coach bus, leaving the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and returning at approximately 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 and will be available starting March 3/4.

### **Message from Father Cull • SEASON OF LENT**

The *Season of Lent* began on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14<sup>th</sup>). 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:

- **Praying** over the scripture readings for each day of the Lenten season. You are encouraged to use the resource available this Lent entitled "Joyful Steps" by Father Thomas Connery.

- **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 Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

-**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).

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Wednesday Evenings and Friday Mornings of Lent**

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. 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 Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

► *Knights of Columbus Online Membership* now provides a *Faster Way to Join the Knights* - one of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is "I don't have time." Through Online Membership, this 'join process' now takes five minutes. Eligible men can join the Order online by going to [www.kofc.org/joinup](http://www.kofc.org/joinup)

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The 2018 World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. This year the prayer service has been written by the women of Suriname with the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good!" The guest speaker is Lesli van Milligen, from the Christian Reformed Church Faith Formation Ministries. The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of our times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, country and community. It is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts, and is celebrated in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada. All are invited to join in this ecumenical service of prayer.

### **COFFEE SUNDAY**

Today is Coffee Sunday after all Masses. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and Timbits. We will have Religious Articles and Fair Trade Coffee for sale as well as our monthly Blood Pressure Clinic.

### **HOLY CROSS HELPS**

Members of Holy Cross HELPS will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend to accept your donation towards their corporal works of mercy in the community. We would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity.

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