



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
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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Prayer Network
Gladys (905) 877-6389
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Saint Francis School
(905) 877-6928

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Leo Santaluce, Grand Knight
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(905) 702-8838

Saint Brigid School
(905) 877-1779

Holy Cross Youth Group
hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

Holy Cross School
(905) 877-4451

Saint Catherine School
(905) 702-8001

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 10 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Acts 10.34-38; Luke 3.15-16, 21-22)	
MONDAY, January 11		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, January 12	2:00 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Meeting - Sacred Heart Rm
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28) † Eric Stone	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20; Mark 1.29-39) (I) In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 4.1c-11; Mark 1.40-45) (I) Alexander Simpson	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
FRIDAY, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2.1-12) † Bronislaw & Tadeusz Walczyk † Narciso Jose (I) Lisa Abanilla	
SATURDAY, January 16	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Roger Voyer; Bento Borges; Bill Finnigan & Joseph Gyorvary; Silvano Guidotti. And for the Intentions of Aubrey & Colleen Gonsalves, Greta Gomes, Neil & Pamela Gonsalves and David & Angela Gonsalves	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.			

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 2015	\$ 52,478.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 2,165	
Average envelope donation – \$21.72	
Christmas Collection	\$ 35,078.00
Flowers for Christmas	\$ 3,282.00
Building Fund	\$ 17,052.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$107,890.00

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

Ordinary Time . . . Today's feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* draws the Christmas Season to a close in the Church's liturgical year. The Season of *Ordinary Time* begins on Monday and continues until Ash Wednesday (February 10) the beginning of the Lent/Easter cycle.

Baptism of the Lord . . . As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we call to mind the day of our baptism when God chose us as His own and essentially said to us "I will love you forever". Later this month we will be offering a retreat day to the grade 7 students in our four parish elementary schools who are continuing to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this February & March. We encourage them to open their hearts to the great goodness of God Who sends them to be His witnesses.

Outdoor Hockey. . . Over the winter months, please know that I would be delighted to join you for some hockey, if you have a backyard rink, pond (preferably one that is frozen over!) or other area where you will be gathering to play. Feel free to contact me at the parish office if you or your family are planning some outdoor fun.

FAMILY FAVOURITE FARE & GAMES NIGHT

Please join us Christ the King Secondary School in the cafeteria on Saturday, February 6th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are adding a little twist to our annual "Chili Night" this year – instead of pots of chili, you can bring along one of your family's favourite dishes and a game for all to share. Maybe you have a secret family recipe or a special culinary treat that leaves you wanting more, well, we think it needs to be shared with your fellow parishioners. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family and will be available on January 16/17 and January 23/24. For further information please contact the parish office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish Office will be mailing 2015 Income Tax receipts for donations received in the past year. Envelope users and those who support the parish through Pre-Authorized Debits, as well as directed donations received through 2015 will receive a receipt. Those who wish to support the parish through Sunday offering envelopes or through pre-authorized debits are invited to contact the parish office. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of the parish.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Boxed sets of 2016 envelopes are available for pick up again this weekend. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2016 are available on the back of the parish registration form as well as by contacting the parish office. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

COAT, HAT, & MITTEN DRIVE

Our Parish Nurse and the Health and Wellness Committee, with support from other groups in our parish, will be holding a "Coat, Hat & Mitten Drive" this month for the needy in our community. Please bring your gently used and clean coats, hats and mittens to the Sacred Heart Room before and after all Masses on the weekend of January 16/17. The distribution of these items will take place on Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Thank you for your support.

HOLY CROSS HELPS

This past Christmas Season, we were able to assist 16 HELPS Single Clients, 19 HELPS Families with 41 children, 16 Families with 32 children in Catholic Elementary Schools and 24 Students from Christ the King. Many thanks for your compassion and donations to HELPS.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our January CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will have the installation of officers at this meeting. If you have not yet paid your 2016 membership you will be able to pay at the General Meeting. There will also be a table set up in the narthex at each of the Masses on January 23/24 and January 30/31. If you are not able to pay your dues at the General Meeting or on one of these weekends, please contact Kate Welsh at kate_welsh@cogeco.ca or 905-873-0011 to make alternate arrangements.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father David Wynen from April 19 to April 29, 2016 for a ten day pilgrimage to Italy. We will visit Florence, Assisi and Rome. During the Year of Mercy we will have the opportunity of passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the Doors of Mercy of the three other major Basilicas of Rome. All the while we will enjoy the culture, art and spirituality of Italy. For more information or for a brochure contact Father Wynen at dwynen@hamiltondiocese.com or contact Joanne Cothran at 1-866-296-3345.

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON: Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Birtheright Milton is an emergency pregnancy service staffed by volunteers who offer loving encouragement and practical support to pregnant women in crisis. Each client is guided to find a workable solution so she can give birth to her baby and to be able to face the future with dignity and hope. Baby bottles will be handed out next week, January 17/18, before and after each Mass by a Birtheright Volunteer. When you insert a cheque (made to Birtheright Milton), or fill your baby bottle with currency or coins you are helping to change the world - one life at a time, for eternity! Bottles are to be returned at each Mass the weekend of January 30/31. Donations of \$20.00 and more will be issued a tax receipt. Thank you for your support!

2017 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2017 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriage outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

Father Cull and our hospital visitors make regular visits to the sick in the Georgetown Hospital. Kindly be sure to identify yourself as a Catholic so that your name can be given to us when we visit.

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