



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

Jane Santaluce, President
(905) 877-7226

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(905) 702-8001

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 11 <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; Mark 1.7-11)	
MONDAY, January 12		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, January 13	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 2.5-12; Mark 1.21-28) † Leslie Otto Sr.	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 2.14-18; Mark 1.29-39) † Del Hickling	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 3.7-14; Mark 1.40-45) † Ann Sies	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, January 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 4.1-5, 11; Mark 2.1-12) † Lisa Quinn † Esperanza Fontanilla & Alex Funtanilla † Leonard Kuenzig	
SATURDAY, January 17	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Bento Borges; Bill Finnigan; Jose Goncalves; Cesar Pontes; Jeannine Ouimet-Blake; Luis Carlos Page	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Irene Galvin.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Christmas Collection • December 25	\$ 30,267.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 615	
Average envelope donation – \$37.38	
Flowers for Christmas	\$ 4,045.00
TOTAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$ 34,312
Regular Collection • December 28	\$ 8,895.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 418	
Average envelope donation – \$18.92	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 2,382.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 11,277.00

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 18) the beginning of the Lent/Easter cycle.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

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". Over the next two weeks 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 March. We encourage them to open their hearts to the great goodness of God Who sends them to be His witnesses.

Although Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent do not begin until the middle of February, I wish to give you a heads up regarding a number of activities that will take place during Lent:

➤ I will be presenting in power point format a reflection and meditation 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 and Wednesday evenings.

➤Eucharistic Adoration followed by the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

➤I am also delighted and excited to share with you that we have ordered a little meditation booklet for each of the days of Lent by Father Barron who has such a beautiful way of teaching the faith.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8

All young people from grade 7 to 12 are invited to join us with hundreds of other youth as we attend the Christian event ACQUIRE THE FIRE. This event starts on Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and continues on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$50.00. Visit the event website for more details at www.acquirethefire.com If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please contact Barb Boulanger at bboulanger@live.ca or leave a message at the parish office and Barb will contact you. A limited number of tickets have been purchased and will go on a first come first served basis.

The Steubenville Toronto Conference: August 7-9

If you are currently in grade 8 - 12 and want to spend a weekend in Toronto with other youth to learn more about your faith, draw closer to our Eucharistic Lord, and experience praise and worship like you never have before, please consider joining us as the Holy Cross Youth Group attends the Steubenville Toronto weekend. Registration takes place in January, and a \$50.00 deposit is required at that time to hold your spot. Please r.s.v.p. to Barb before January 12th if you would like to join us as this was a sold out event last year, and spots will go quickly. The cost is \$325 which includes admission to the conference, all meals and hotel accommodations for the weekend. The group will be involved in some fundraising efforts to help lower the cost of the weekend. For more conference information go to www.steubenvilletoronto.com or contact Barb Boulanger at bboulanger@live.ca

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON - Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Birtheright Milton would like to thank you all for your participation in our Baby Bottle Drive! If you have not returned your bottle, please bring it to the parish office or contact Birtheright Milton at 905-875-1245. If you require a tax receipt but did not fill in the contact information form, please contact the Birtheright office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This annual, world-wide observance, takes place January 18th through January 25th. It is meant to be an encouragement to Christians to pray and work together for the unity for which Christ prayed. Let us pray that all Christians will live in harmony with one another and that people of all faiths may deepen their commitment to the dignity of every human life, peace and non-violence.

CHILI AND TALENT NIGHT AT CtK

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, February 28th** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School followed by a Holy Cross Talent Night in the CtK Theatre. Donations of Chili and "Talent" are needed. For information please contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Mary Jo at 905-873-4151.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish Office will be mailing 2014 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 2014 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.

LOST & FOUND

The parish "Lost & Found" is located in the Narthex under the display cabinets. If you have lost anything (gloves, missals, etc.) please feel free to look through the items in the cupboard. The cupboard is cleared out in the spring and fall and any unclaimed items are sent to Dr. Simoni's warehouse in Mississauga.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated anytime one is seriously ill or facing major surgery. It is not reserved to the time of death. We do not have "last rites" which suggest a limitation in appreciating the healing ministry of the Church's prayer. When someone is near death there are special prayers of commendation that are used. Please call the parish office if you, or a member of your family wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

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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