



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
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barb Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (Resumes October 20, 2013)

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - 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 Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 12 Baptism of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Acts 10.34-38; Matthew 3.13-17)	
MONDAY, January 13		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28) † Maureen Kennedy	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour - CANCELLED	
	7:30 p.m.		K of C General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20; Mark 1.29-39) † Giovanna Zarini	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:30 p.m.		K of C 4 th Degree Meeting - Cote Hall
THURSDAY, January 16	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 4.1c-11; Mark 1.40-45) † Rudy Koren	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.		R.C.I.A.
FRIDAY, January 17	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 8.4-7; Mark 2.1-12) † Luis Carlos Page † Alba Marra † Julia Poirier	
SATURDAY, January 18	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Francesco Cosentino & Deceased Family Members; Bill Finnigan & Mr. & Mrs. Gyorvary; Joan Wilson; Antonio Santos; Renato Dias. Intentions of Jack Kelly	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 29 \$ 10,847.00

Total number of regular envelopes – 417

Average envelope donation – \$23.48

New Church Building Fund \$ 205.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS \$ 11,052.00

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

In the next week the Parish Office will be mailing 2013 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 2013 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.

CHILI AND THEATRE FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, March 1st, 2014** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School and then enjoy a Musical Evening in the CtK Theatre. The **"BLACK FAMILY"** will be there to entertain. They are a Musical Family with a **"Celtic Flare."** Two hundred tickets will be available for the Dinner and Theatre and 100 tickets for the Theatre only. For information contact Marie at 905-873-9480 or Jane at 905-877-7226.

BATHROOM VISITS

We are experiencing some minor vandalism in the church bathrooms. Parents are kindly asked to ensure their children are supervised on any trips to the bathrooms.

Message from Father Cull

I wish to encourage young people of the parish to participate in the following events for youth.

Winter Hike – Sunday, February 2nd from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Saturday, March 1st from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Youth Conference in Toronto - July 4 - July 6, 2014 – Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio has for many years hosted youth retreats and conferences. I am delighted that the University will be offering a youth conference from July 4 – 6 in Toronto. I am hoping that many of our young people will participate in the conference. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13th and I would like to register as a group at this time. The Registration cost is \$275.00 per person for youth/chaperone/leader that includes entrance to the conference, 6 meals and hotel accommodations. I believe that this will be a wonderful opportunity for our young people to celebrate their faith and to draw ever closer to our Eucharistic Lord. I have been at a few conferences at Franciscan University with young people and have been so inspired by the joyful atmosphere and the faith of those present. If any of our young people are interested in attending, please feel free to contact me or Barb Boulanger at the parish office. For information visit www.steubenvilletoronto.com

TIME AWAY

Please know that I will be away from Monday, January 13th until about noon on Wednesday, January 15th with my classmate and dear friend, Father Ian Duffy, a former associate pastor of the parish and currently the pastor of St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. He and I will be staying in the Muskoka area where we will hopefully enjoy some hiking and skiing. While I am away, Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 15th. I am grateful to the priests from St. Paul Parish in Burlington for generously agreeing to provide Holy Mass on those days.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

On November 24, 2013, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel. Among his many insightful reflections, he describes a parish in the following words: "It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach." As a way of entering into the mind and heart of our Holy Father, I will be offering two sessions on some of the key components of the Exhortation. The sessions will be offered

on Wednesday, January 22nd and Wednesday, January 29th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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 (March 5) the beginning of the Lent/Easter cycle.

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.

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.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS

We have several "handicapped" parking spots near the church entrance. Please note that ONLY people with a valid parking pass may use these spots. Folks who are able-bodied should use the other parking areas. Sometimes those who really need the spots do not have access to them.

2015 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2015 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.

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