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Epiphany of the Lord

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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, January 3		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 4	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Gene Adam	
WEDNESDAY, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Adelaide Martins and Special Intentions	
THURSDAY, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marilyn Duke	
FRIDAY, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ivan Babic (I) Special Intentions (I) Patti Birk (I) Catherine McNeil & David McNeil	
SATURDAY, January 8	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Baptism of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Robert O'Gorman; Jerry Waskalik; Verna & Clarence Beaton; Lynn & Chris Bullock; Steve & Damon Vasilaros; Clemente Crisol.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Joanne Daquano.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year everyone! The Christmas season has gone by as quickly as it came, but we continue to celebrate the Lord's coming into our world, and into our hearts. Let's continue to nurture our spiritual lives and make one of our New Year's resolutions to add some prayer time to your daily routine. It's so important to have a daily prayer life, especially during difficult times. As we continue to live through this time of pandemic, the best thing we can do is to place ourselves in God's hands, and continue to trust that through it all, God has a plan. Again, happy new year!

Thank You!

A big thank you is in order for our parish volunteers this Christmas and all year around! We have so many people involved in assisting at Mass as well as the many other ministries 'in the background'. You help the parish in so many ways that it's impossible to imagine our community without your assistance. Even with the challenges caused by pandemic protocols, so many of you have stepped up to help things go smoothly. Fr. Dave and your Holy Cross family thanks you in abundance!

Sunday Smile

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

FORMED - The Catholic Faith, On Demand

FORMED is the 'Catholic Netflix' - an online streaming service that offers quality Catholic content for the whole family - from children's programming to faith-formation to religious movies and downloadable e-books. Our parish has been offered 40 annual subscriptions by an anonymous donor, free of charge! (The subscription cost is usually \$9.99/month). If you would like a free subscription, send your email to Fr. Dave at dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com

Masses for Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

The regular Sunday Mass schedule will be in place for Sunday, January 2nd — 9:00am. 10:30am and 12:00pm. Please note however that the **Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass will be CANCELLED this week as it falls on New Year's Day**, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022

Boxed sets of 2022 envelopes are available for pick up 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 2022 were mailed last week to current users - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis has recently announced that the theme for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*'. In preparation for their discussion at this meeting of the world's bishops, the Holy Father has asked for all Catholics to offer their input. Pope Francis said 'Celebrating the Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern*. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.' To offer your insights, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod>

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 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 marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Life Team - Halton Alive

Halton Alive, our local pro-life advocacy organization invites those interested to join their Parish Life Teams.

Parish Life Teams commit themselves to creating an awareness and building the Culture of Life in their church community. If you are interested in joining our Life Team here at Holy Cross, please contact Marilaura Wall at wallmarilaura@gmail.com

Subscribe to our Parish Bulletin by Email

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin each week by email? Send a message to holycrossgeorgetown@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2022 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2021 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Baptisms at Holy Cross Parish

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with children when at least one parent is a Catholic. Parents and godparents are called to take up the practice of the faith if this has been lacking. You are the "first teachers" of your children in the faith and we pray that you will be the best of teachers! For serious family reasons, permission may be given for Baptism to be celebrated in another Catholic parish, or to celebrate Baptism with families from outside our parish. Arrangements for Baptism can be made before the child is born. We ask new parents to participate in a *Baptism Preparation Meeting* (during COVID this is offered online only). It would be fine to participate in this meeting before the child is born. Godparents are welcome to attend the meeting if they are able. A "godparent" is a fully initiated Roman Catholic - meaning that they are baptized, confirmed and regularly practising their Catholic faith. Baptized non-Catholics may act as a *Christian Witness* along with a Catholic godparent.

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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