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 David Wynen, Pastor Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance Mrs. Barbara 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. (October 14 - April 28)

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 David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website <u>www.vocationinfo.ca</u>

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

Catholic Women's League Mary Jo Jans, President (905) 873-4151

Knights of Columbus

(905) 873-1785

Peter McKenna, Grand Knight

Prayer Network Gladys (905) 877-6389 Cecile (905) 873-4055

Natural Family Planning Joanne (905) 873-0262

Halton Catholic District School Board (905) 632-6300

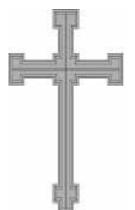
Mark Rowe, Trustee rowem@hcdsb.org

Christ the King Secondary (905) 702-8838

Holy Cross School (905) 877-4451 Saint Francis School (905) 877-6928

Saint Brigid School (905) 877-1779

Saint Catherine School (905) 702-8001 222 - 1



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 20 <i>Ordinary</i> 2	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.4-11; John 2.1-12)	
MONDAY, January 21		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, January 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 6.10-20; Mark 2.23-28) (I) The Doyles & Bennoits	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour (Church)	
WEDNESDAY, January 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17; Mark 3.1-6) † Clifford Gordon Parker	
	7:00 p.m.		Funeral Workshop (Cote Hall)
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
THURSDAY, January 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 7.25 – 8.6; Mark 3.7-12) ∜ John Mallon	
	7:30 p.m.		11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
FRIDAY, January 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Acts 22.3-16; Mark 16.15-18)	
SATURDAY January 26	11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.	Session #3 for February Confirmations	
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Verginio Sousa; Hemano Almeida; Melanie Luciani; Fedora Palermo; Frank Gillis and Deceased Members of the Gillis Family	

HALTON CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation* is currently accepting applications for two volunteer Director-at-large positions. We are seeking candidates with legal, financial, governance and/or fundraising experience to join our Board. The positions are open to residents of Halton, who are supportive of publicly funded Catholic education and meet the Foundation's requirements for serving as a Director. Interested community members should submit a letter of intent, indicating what strengths they would bring to this position by January 24, 2013 to: Stan Gajewski, Executive Director HCCEF 802 Drury Lane, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4L3. Prospective members will be invited to an information meeting on January 31, 2013 to learn more about the Foundation.

FATHER DAVE'S SABBATICAL LEAVE

My sabbatical leave will begin with my departure from the parish on Saturday, January 26th. I return to Holy Cross on Thursday, May 16th. For the most part my time will be spent in Rome, however, I will also do some travelling during this time. In Rome I'll participate in a program for priests offered by the *Pontifical North American College*. This is a grace-filled opportunity for me and I humbly ask your prayers and offer the assurance of my prayers for you. Father Mark Sullivan will offer pastoral care to the parish during my absence. He may be contacted through the Parish Office and he will live in the priest's residence. Thanks in advance to our parish staff for all their support during the time I will be away.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL INFORMATION

On <u>Wednesday</u>, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. we will offer an evening workshop on Funerals. Staff of the Jones Funeral Home, Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton, and Father Dave will make presentations on various aspects of funeral planning. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions and receive information on Catholic funerals. All are welcome to come - join us for this informative evening. The session will take place in Cote Hall (Parish Life Centre).

PASTORAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Teacher candidates, support staff, and those seeking leadership roles in Catholic schools are required to have a letter from their parish priest offering his support of their application to the Catholic School Board. Pastoral letters of reference are offered for parishioners who regularly attend Sunday Mass and are involved in our parish community. Standard forms for this purpose have been provided by the Diocese of Hamilton and are completed during a personal interview with one of the priests of the parish. Kindly contact the parish office to arrange an appointment. A faith reflection will be provided to the prospective candidate and we ask that it be completed and brought in when the candidate meets with the priest. Please note that there are some situations where it may not be possible to offer a pastoral letter. A lack of church attendance, and/or the pursuit of a lifestyle which may not be in harmony with the Church's teaching may present a situation in which the priest is not able to offer a positive pastoral reference. Our Catholic teachers are in a position to offer a powerful witness to the Catholic faith.

HOLY CROSS PARISH FAMILY PASTA NIGHT

Our Parish Social Committee is happy to invite all parishioners to join us for our Family Pasta Night on **Saturday, February 16th, 2013** at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses starting next week or by contacting the parish office after January 28th. Tickets per family (adults and young children) are \$25.00; or \$10.00 per person. Coffee, tea, water and juice provided. A cash bar for wine and beer. There will be children's games and Bingo! after dinner. Join us for this fun-filled event. Get your tickets early as this event is usually sold out.

YEAR OF FAITH

The website of the Diocese of Hamilton is a great resource for "Year of Faith" information ... www.hamiltondiocese.com

You might also want to check out another great site - <u>www.catholicscomehome.org</u> for those who are seeking more information about the Catholic Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A celebration for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Norval Presbyterian Church. This celebration is sponsored by the Georgetown Ministerial Association. All are welcome to attend and pray for unity in Christ the Lord.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2013? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please refer to the poster in the parish office for information on how to register for the celebration.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to make clothing and non-perishable food donations to this organization may contact Paul Brown at 905-873-6591 or Doug Tucker at 905-877-9906 to arrange pickup. For information about what may be acceptable for use please call Canadian Food For Children directly from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 905-274-9239. No used books or electronics please.

LITURGICAL QUESTION: *Why does the priest wash his hands at the preparation of the gifts?* The washing of the priest's hands is an ancient rite of purification that actually pre-dates the procession of the offerings. This simple gesture retains the important notion of spiritual purification. It is not so much about physical cleanliness as a desire, on the priest's part, to offer the sacrifice of the Mass in the spirit of the text that he says quietly as he washes his hands. *"Lord was away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."* Extra-Ordinary Ministers, and the priest himself, are encouraged to throughly wash their hands with hot water and soap prior to Mass. They may wish to refrain from shaking hands at the *Sign of Peace* and offer a greeting or a bow instead.

