

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 4 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12)	
MONDAY, January 5		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - <i>Adult Members</i>
TUESDAY, January 6	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.7-10; Mark 6.34-44) † Friedrich & Pauline Sitter	
	7:30 p.m.		Liturgy Committee - Sacred Heart Room
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - St. Joseph Rm
WEDNESDAY, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) (I) John William Robinson	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19-5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Genoveva de Barsallo	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Ljubica Babic † Gilda de Page † Assunta De Palma	
SATURDAY, January 10	4 - 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> Delia & Kevin Soares; Doug Hartley; Filomena Albanese; George Coyle; Maria Vlastic; Joan Gauthier	

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

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 21	\$ 10,542.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 505	
Average envelope donation – \$19.01	
Building Fund	\$ 1,455.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 11,997.00

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON - Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Birthright 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 over the next couple of weeks or contact Birthright Milton directly at 905-875-1245. If you require a tax receipt but did not indicate that on the insert or did not fill in all of your contact information, please contact our office and we can process the receipt.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

A heartfelt expression of thanks

On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent greetings, cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your generosity and kindness, and I rejoice in the blessing of serving you throughout the coming year. I cannot recall a time as a priest when I felt more at home and joyful of heart! I assure you of my prayers each morning before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Christmas Season be a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones. A special word of thanks is extended to all who helped to celebrate Christmas with such reverence and gracious dignity. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully. Thanks to the choirs, children's liturgy leaders, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ministers of hospitality.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Magi follow the guidance of a star that leads them to Bethlehem. In a spirit of humility, they present their gifts to the One who is priest, prophet and king:

- Frankincense for a priest: Jesus is the eternal High Priest of the new covenant.
- Myrrh for the anointing of a body at the time of burial: Jesus fulfills the prophetic word that the Saviour would give His life for the salvation of all people.
- Gold for a king: Jesus is the King of all creation.

During the Christmas Season, we too worship the newborn King and place our gifts before Him. The Gospel today reminds us that the Magi were humble enough to seek direction in order to find their way. On the journey of faith, we also need others to assist us, pray for us and encourage us.

As a parish family, may we continue to support one another on the journey of faith. We especially remember those in our community who are preparing for baptism or reception into the Church at Easter.

Christmas Floral Tributes

Thank you to all who made a donation in memory of a deceased loved one and helped to beautify the church during the Christmas Season. As we praise God for all those who became members of the parish this past year through the sacrament of baptism, we also remember and continue to pray for all those who were buried from the parish this past year and for their families. To all those who mourn the death of a loved one and are experiencing a sense of loss during this season of peace, we offer the support of our prayers.

YOUTH EVENT SUMMER 2015

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. For more conference information go to www.steubenvilletoronto.com or contact Barb Boulanger at bboulanger@live.ca

HOLY CROSS HELPS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners Holy Cross HELPS was able to assist 29 Catholic School Referrals (41 children) and 24 HELPS clients (12 single adults and 12 families with 25 children). Thank you

2016 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2016 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.

CHILI AND TALENT NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL

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.

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