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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 5 <i>Epiphany</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 6		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 7	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) † Eileen Mozil	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		4 th Degree Meeting - Cote Hall
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting
WEDNESDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) (I) Zorina Fisher	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rhrl - CANCELLED
THURSDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19 - 5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Deceased Members of the Fagan & Lescak Families	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rhrl. - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Holy Souls † Shannon Hope † Emmanuel Cauchi † Tony Mastalerz	
	7:00 p.m.		Youth Group - BOTH - Cote Hall
SATURDAY, January 11	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> Mary Stone; Tom Ellard; Fred Marks; Amavel Baptista; Bronislawa & Tadeusz Walczyk; Walter Chabot; Bernard & Helen Hastings & Jack & Florece Kelly; Nunzio Varricchio.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 22	\$ 11,695.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 460	
Average envelope donation – \$21.77	
Building Fund	\$ 1,381.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 13,076.00

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Boxed sets of 2020 envelopes are available for pick up after all Masses. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2020 were mailed out last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

YEAR END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2019 donations in 2020. Please note that all donations received or dated after December 31, 2019 will be credited to your 2020 donation receipt. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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.

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Father Dave 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. Please note that the *Sacrament of the Sick* can be received at any time of serious illness or before surgery. If you, or a family member, are homebound due to illness please inform the parish office. Arrangements can be made for the reception of Holy Communion, home visits and the assistance of our parish nurse.

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* (generally the first Thursday of each month). 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.

2020 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2020 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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information please contact Marion Vito at 905-873-6390.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2020 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 2019 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE

Would you like to enhance your physical and mental well-being in a friendly, supportive environment? If so, welcome to our Low Impact Exercises conducted by a certified fitness instructor at St. John's United, 11 Guelph Street, Georgetown! These one hour, \$3 pay-as-you-go, physical exercise sessions are held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 10:10 a.m. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, rubber-soled shoes and bring your own water bottle and weights. If you would like more information, please contact our parish Nurse Theresa Scholz at 905-873-1887, ext. 5.

PALLIATIVE CARE

Are you caring for a loved one? Are they in need of palliative care? Do you have questions? A committee of experts, in various related fields, came together to answer possible questions that are often raised at this difficult time in a person's life. Find the answers to important questions at www.hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care or for further assistance call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) and clicking the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with the Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE FOR MASS

Although they seem to have fallen out of use over the years, we do have a number of hearing assist devices available for those that find it difficult to hear at Mass. They are little radio packs attached to headphones that you are welcome to use if you wish. They are located in the back sacristy - just ask an usher, and they will be happy to get one for you!

WE SHARE THE AIR!

Please keep it healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. Please avoid using perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances before attending Mass.

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