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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 6 Epiphany	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 7		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 8	2:00 p.m.		Prayer Shawl - Sacred Heart Rm
	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) † Madeline Osatchuk	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Mtg. -Sacred Hrt
WEDNESDAY January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) † The Collins Family	
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19-5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Jose Fernando Matos	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Marica Bukovcan † Silvano Guidoti and deceased family members † St. Joseph for sick and dying † Joseph & Emerine deSouza (I) Andria Freeman	
SATURDAY, January 12	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> Mirko & Mary Maric; Victoria & Guilherme Alves & Sons; Manuel & Joao Araujo & Family; Manuel Espirito Santo & Maria Borges; Susan Poole; Elizabeth Chappell; Maria Bunjo.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • December 23	\$ 13,122.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 422	
Average envelope donation – \$21.01	
Building Fund	\$ 465.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 13,587.00

CWL NEWS

First of all, we want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Can't believe it's already 2019! We hope everyone had a peaceful and joyous holiday season. This is just a quick reminder that the next CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th

at 7:30 p.m., following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Health Challenge for January is "Recognize our failures and learn from them," and the draw for those who participate in the monthly Health Challenge will take place at the meeting. The requested food bank donation is cash or grocery store gift cards. Please be as generous as you can!

2019 membership fees are now due. You can pay your fees at the January General Council meeting. Also at the meeting there will be registration for the retreat taking place on Saturday, February 16th, at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Your payment will be required at that time.

Thank you to all members who volunteered to host the reception following the Memorial Mass on December 15th. Whether you donated food, or helped to prepare it, or worked to set up and clean up afterwards, your help is always appreciated.

And finally, as always, women of the Parish are welcome to join us at the meeting to see if they would like to become new members!

THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Toonies for Turkeys raised \$2,800 for the Georgetown Breadbasket. Our thanks to the parishioners of Holy Cross for their continued generosity through 2018, especially for the parish food drives providing 15,000 lbs. of groceries for the needy.

CROSSPOINT: Grades 9 – 12

Friday, January 18th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Cote Hall. Happy New Year!!! We can't wait to see you all at our first night back at Crosspoint on January 18th!!

Jr. CROSSPOINT: Grades 6 – 8

Saturday, January 19th from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Cote Hall. We hope you had an amazing Christmas vacation, celebrating with family and friends, and we can't wait to kick off the New Year with all of you on January 19th!!

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Boxed sets of 2019 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 2019 have been mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2019 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 2018 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

Msgr. Sheridan 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.

2019 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2019 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.

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.

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.

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.

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