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Epiphany of the Lord

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Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 7 Epiphany	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Verge Borges	
TUESDAY, January 9	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † John Wilcox	
WEDNESDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Christa Williams	
THURSDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Brianne Cantwell	
FRIDAY, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Sharon Nagle (I) Our Lady of the Rosary School (I) Jennifer Cauchi (I) Stephen Kiss	<i>followed by Adoration until 12:00 p.m.</i>
SATURDAY, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Silvestro & Rosa De Lellis	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Joyce Stone; Anne Marie Robertson; Maria Silva; John Wilcox; Dario Medina.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of R. Staynor and Family.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany this Sunday we hear about the journey of the wisemen following the star. As they meet with King Herod, they are told by him to "Go search diligently for the child" - an ironic instruction given that his goal was to have Jesus killed! However, God can make all things work together for good, and Herod's instructions should resonate with all of us today for a different reason - to "Go search diligently for the child" in our lives to deepen our relationship with our Lord. Let's make that a resolution that we stick to this year, to search diligently for Jesus in our lives, allowing him to fill us with his merciful love!

Quote of the Week

"May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey." — *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

Sunday Smile

The only gift I got for Christmas was a deck of sticky playing cards. I'm having a hard time dealing with this.

OPEN CHURCH: A Speakers Forum for the Middle

Holy Cross Parish - Friday, Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ***This event is for*** parents of young families of Holy Cross Parish. As we continue to ponder the Holy Family as the model of God's action in the "ordinariness" of life, we find it is precisely here in "the middle" of life that our Lord wants to meet us, save us, and heal us. ***The purpose of this event*** is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into a deeper experience of prayer and into a more intimate relationship with our God. He wants to fill us and to use us for the good of our families, our communities, and the Church, all for the glory of the Father. ***Join us as we hear from dynamic speakers*** from the Hamilton Diocese who will lead us to an encounter with Christ as we go deeper in understanding the Love of the Father and God's only begotten Son, Jesus. We will have an opportunity to deepen our understanding and awareness of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how to put that into practice. ***Come as you are. Come when you want. Stay if you want.*** Child care is available. ***To Register***, please visit <https://forms.gle/CNL4k8mW1B3Jh5Sj8>. For more information or if you wish to volunteer for this event, please send an email to holycrossgeorgetownreg@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 905-873-1887.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Sacred Heart Room on Tuesday, January 9th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Light Refreshments.

Sanctuary Lamp

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for further details.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Boxed sets of 2024 envelopes are available for pick in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving forms* for 2024 were mailed out in December - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Consider Donating Blood

Every day, health care providers need blood and blood products to care for patients undergoing surgery or cancer treatments, and following traumas such as motor vehicle accidents. Patients continue to depend on these lifesaving donations. In Canada, 52% of people say they have, or a family member has, needed blood or blood products at some point in their lives. It takes many donors to save a patient's life. For example, it takes up to: 5 donors to save someone who needs heart surgery; 50 donors to help save just 1 person seriously hurt in a car crash; and 8 donors a week to help someone going through treatment for leukemia. For more information or to book an appointment to donate, visit www.blood.ca/en

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus on behalf of the Georgetown Bread Basket would like to express their gratitude for the generosity shown by Holy Cross Parish. Our annual Toonies for Turkeys collected \$1,776 which was topped-up to \$2,000 to help with the Bread Basket's Christmas needs.

Retrouvaille

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage! Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. By learning the tools of healthy communication, you can build greater intimacy. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. January 19-21, 2024 in Mississauga. For more information call 437-234-5610 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com or www.helpourmarriage.org

Rental Unit Needed for GFORCe3 Afghan Family

GFORCe3 is widening its search for a rental unit for its second Afghan Family. We will now be looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store within Georgetown, Acton or Milton. GFORCe3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived here for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Contact Greg MacDonald (416-219-9113), Don Robinson (905-703-0043), or Susan Tupling (416-200-8675) with any possibilities.

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2024 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 2023 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Register Your Child for Kindergarten at HCDSB!

Kindergarten registration at the Haltopn Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Parents and guardians who are interested in registering their child for Kindergarten are invited to visit the HCDSB website for more information: <https://hcdsb.info/KindergartenRegistration>

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children

We are accepting donations 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 at 905-274-9239 or www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – *Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion*. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

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.

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