

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Established as a Parish of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

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Monday • 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday • 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bulletin announcements accepted until
12 Noon on Mondays

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
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Theresa Scholz (905) 873-1887

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Sunday Eucharist
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12:00 noon

Weekday Eucharist
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule)

Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to
arrange for visits, Communion
or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available at the main doors of the Church. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on the 2nd or 4th Sundays of each month (except during the Season of Lent). Adults needing baptism or reception into the Catholic church should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Please contact the pastor a minimum of one year before the planned marriage date.

Priesthood & Religious Life - contact Father Dave Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website: www.vocationinfo.ca

"... be yourselves like living stones, built into a spiritual house ..."

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, January 10 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is. 40.1-5,9-11; Titus 2.11-14;3.4-7; Lk 3.15-16, 21-22	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, January 11 1 Samuel 1.1-8 • Mark 1.14-20	No Mass	No Mass	Father Michael McHugh
TUESDAY, January 12 <i>Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, religious</i> 1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Jean & Matt Terry	Father Kevin Cull
WEDNESDAY, January 13 <i>All Day Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED</i> 1 Samuel 3.1-10,19-20; Mark 1.29-39	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Blanche Chaisson	Missionaries
THURSDAY, January 14 1 Samuel 4.1-11; Mark 1.40-45	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Antonia Marseu	Father Michael Isabelle
FRIDAY, January 15 1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22; Mark 2.1-12	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Anne Yantha	Father Janusz Roginski, SAC
SATURDAY, January 16 1 Samuel 9.1-4,17-19,10.1; Mark 2.13-17	4:00 - 4:30 p.m	Reconciliation	Father Andrew Lopatniuk
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Tim McGirr † Verginio deSousa † Don Blackmore † Yvonne Watson (I) Dennis Murphy	

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Thanks to our parishioners who support the parish financially through the use of offering envelopes or "pre-authorized debit." If you are an envelope user please only use your **2010** offering envelopes. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes, or sign up for pre-authorized debit, kindly contact our parish office. Income Tax receipts for 2009 contributions will be mailed to the homes of envelope & PAD users in the coming weeks.

All contributions to our parish are greatly appreciated and assist us in the mission of the Church and in our Church building project. Donations made through the use of offering envelopes and PAD receive an annual receipt for Income Tax purposes. Holy Cross Parish is a federally registered charity.

WELCOME MONSIGNOR KERR

Father Dave will be away from the parish beginning January 18th until February 1st. We welcome Monsignor Vincent Kerr, a priest of the Diocese of Hamilton, who will preside and preach at our Sunday liturgies. The parish office is open as usual and neighboring parishes will offer assistance with emergency sick calls and funeral celebrations in Father's absence.

THANK YOU - K of C FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who participated in the Knights of Columbus Food Drive in December. Thanks to the Knights for organizing this to the benefit of our local foodbank.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* has concluded. It will resume again on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010. The break is necessitated by Christmas and holiday schedules.

PARISH REGISTRATION

It is important to register as a member (or family) in the parish as a sign of your belonging to our Catholic community. If you would like to register please complete the "Registration Form" found at the front entrance of the church. Also, if you have moved kindly inform the parish office by telephone or email (holycrossgeorgetown@bellnet.ca) so that we can update our parish records. Registration at Catholic school does not register the family as parishioners.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website (www.holycrossrc.com) has undergone some changes - check it out.

JANUARY 10, 2010

Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the Year of the Family
in the Diocese of Hamilton
2010



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Hamilton Diocese:

On this great Feast of the Holy Family, I am pleased to announce the start of the Diocesan Year of the Family; a time to rejoice in the relationships that are most profound in our lives. Jesus was born into a family and it was there that he spent his first thirty years. This is a great reminder that families are foundational to our world.

The theme of this year is Family Matters: Loving, Living, LearningGrowing in Faith. It is within family that we first experience God's love through the love of parents. It is there that we learn what it means to give and forgive, to work together for a common purpose, and to share both joys and sorrows. The precious gift of faith given to us at baptism is nurtured in Christian families that help us to grow into mature disciples of the Lord.

In our world today, many challenges and pressures impact family life. People face a host of issues that can deprive families of the love and harmony that should be theirs. Often, these challenges are not easily overcome, but firm faith and a clear vision of God's plan for family life can help spouses, parents and children to aspire to ever-deeper charity among themselves.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his recent address to families, reminded us that, by following the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, "we come to appreciate even more fully the sacredness of the family, which in God's plan is based on the lifelong fidelity of a man and a woman consecrated by the marriage covenant and accepting of God's gift of new life." Pope Benedict also told the children present: "to let the example of Jesus guide you, not only in showing respect for your parents, but also helping them to discover more fully the love which gives our lives their deepest meaning."

In this coming year, the Catholic community in the Diocese of Hamilton will strive to promote the value of family life and to help all people to live their familial vocation with gratitude and devotion. Be assured that, in the joys and struggles, the highs and lows, the opportunities and challenges of family life, the Church is always present to support you. We hope that through the various activities and events of this year, especially the Family Conference in October 2010, families in our diocese will be encouraged and strengthened. While the pressures on today's families are numerous, the faithfulness with which so many fulfill their responsibilities is an example that gives inspiration and hope to all. For all those families who face additional struggles and challenges, be assured that our support and prayers are with you.

Let us look especially to the model of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their family life. May the love, devotion, faith and trust in God that they exemplify be a beacon to us in this year, dedicated to enriching the lives of all families in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. F. Tonnos".

The Most Reverend A. F. Tonnos, DD
Bishop of Hamilton

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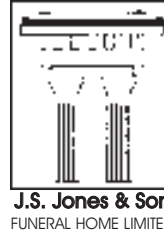
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