

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Established as a Parish of the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

Worship Place:

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Office hours -

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
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Sunday Eucharist

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

Parish Office:

(as of Monday, January 3, 2011)

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Ministry to the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for visits, Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are admitted to Hospital, kindly identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

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 ..."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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SUNDAY, January 2 Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12	8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 12 Noon Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, January 3 1 John 3:22 - 4:6 • Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	No Mass	No Mass	Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
TUESDAY, January 4 1 John 4:7-10 • Mark 6:34-44	No Mass	No Mass	Father Roger Formosi
WEDNESDAY, January 5 1 John 4:11-18 • Mark 6:45-52	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Effie & Joe Fagan & Steven & Robert Manina	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, CMI
THURSDAY, January 6 1 John 4:19 - 5:4 • Luke 4:14-22a	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Ernie Rosset	Father Louis Lenssen, CRSP
FRIDAY, January 7 1 John 5:5-13 • Luke 5:12-16	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Margaret Lucy Delahunt † Clara Yzereef (I) Marcia McGregor	Father Frank Ruzza, CRSP
SATURDAY, January 8 1 John 5:14-21 • John 3:22-30	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Father Fernando Pinto, CSSp
	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Bernie Smith † Jose Manuel Almeida † Filomena Albanese † Godfried Koppers † Mary Ogulin	

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that our parish offices will open at the new Church location on **Monday, January 3rd, 2011** at 12 noon.

FROM FATHER DAVE

The Christmas Season continues until the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* on Sunday, January 9th. The *Feast of the Epiphany* is celebrated on January 2nd.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We received "partial occupancy" of our new facility on December 20th. This means that the building is basically complete. The month of January will be an opportunity for the contractor to address any deficiencies and then we will begin celebrating Mass there once our Bishop has dedicated it on *Sunday, February 13th* at 3:00 p.m. The Dedication Mass with our Bishop will be the first Mass celebrated in our new parish church. There will be earlier Masses offered on February 13 (at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.) in St. Brigid School for those unable to attend the Dedication Mass.

The time from now until the Dedication will be a period of preparation and training for our various liturgical ministries in the new space. These workshops will take place in late January and early February.

Our closing celebrations will take place in our current church building on *Sunday, February 6th* at the regular Sunday Masses.

Our current hall will close on Monday, January 3rd to allow for much needed cleaning and preparation for the library's occupancy on February 1st. Your kind patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

The main library area will be in the current hall. The church area, once it is cleared of pews and religious furniture, will be additional office space for staff. There will be some limited renovations to both floors to accommodate the library's needs.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are planning to be married at Holy Cross are reminded that we ask for one year's notice of marriage. This year is used for the various steps involved in the marriage preparation process. Couples who are members of our parish community may celebrate marriage here. Often we are asked to celebrate the weddings of parishioner's children who have moved away from Georgetown. These celebrations may take place with permission of their parish priest. People who have not been previously married may freely enter into marriage in the Catholic Church. Individuals who have been previously married cannot enter into a new marriage until their freedom to marry can be established. Father Dave is happy to assist those who have questions concerning marriage or those who wish to make wedding arrangements at Holy Cross. We are now accepting weddings for 2012.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The *Sacrament of the Sick* can be celebrated anytime one is experiencing serious illness or facing surgery. It is not only reserved to the moment of death. We no longer refer to it as "last rites" which indicates a limitation in appreciation of the healing ministry of the Church's prayer. If you, or a member of your family, would like to celebrate the *Sacrament of the Sick*, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Often it is fruitful to have members of the family present for the celebration to join in the prayer.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone with a desire to become a member of the Catholic Church are warmly invited to speak with Father Dave. Our sessions will begin on Saturday, January 8 (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Each session will take place in the *Sacred Heart Meeting Room* in our new parish church. Other sessions will take place on February 26, March 5 & 19; April 9 & 16. Catholics who would like to deepen their understanding of the faith may also join us for these sessions - kindly contact Father Dave for further information.

CELIACS & LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Recent letters to the editor on the subject of low-gluten communion hosts have attracted some attention in our local paper. I have come across a helpful article in the form of an answer by Father Edward McNamara (professor of liturgy at the *Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University, Rome*). Father wrote this answer in 2004: "The problem (celiac disease & the bread used for the Eucharist) is twofold. One is theological and concerns the proper matter for the Eucharist and the broader question of the Church's power over the sacraments. Another question is practical and concerns how to address the special situation of celiac disease. From the theological perspective the Church's power over some elements of the sacraments is not *absolute* and must respect those elements which it understands as having been determined by the Lord himself. Among these elements is the use of water and the Trinitarian formula for baptism and the exclusive use of wheat bread and grape wine for the Eucharist. In a certain way the submission to these limitations is also a recognition and an affirmation of the reality of the Incarnation in which the second person of the Blessed Trinity submitted himself to the limits of space and time by becoming man. By continuing to use only those elements used by Christ, the Church in a way joins herself to his act of self-limitation and to the concrete reality of the Incarnation. If it were possible for the Church to change the essential elements of the sacraments with every historical epoch and every cultural context, then this

connection with the Incarnation, and indeed the reality of the sacraments as prolongation of the Incarnation, would become rather tenuous. In the end, as happened at times with other Christian groups that weakened the sacraments, the faith in the very reality of God become man is often undermined in favor of a creeping Docetism or a nebulous manifestation of the Divinity. Thus one can understand why the Church pays such great attention to the elements of the sacraments in spite of at times appearing excessively attentive to details such as alcohol and gluten levels. The Holy See has declared that some gluten is necessary for the substance to be considered as true bread. And thus a gluten-free wafer, in spite of its external resemblance, is no longer bread and thus is incapable of becoming the Body of Christ. The sacraments are far too important to risk performing them invalidly. On the practical level, suffers from celiac disease, about one in every 130 people, face a real difficulty as they are incapable of consuming gluten. At the same time the Church has too much respect for the faithful with this condition to allow them to fall into error regarding whether they receive a genuinely consecrated host or not. It would be a manifest act of negligence on the Church's part to look the other way while some members of the faithful were being innocently induced into an act of idolatry by attributing adoration to what is in fact a lump of matter. This might seem harsh on the sentiments of some, especially in the case of children who reach the age of first Communion and don't want to stand out from the rest by receiving differently. One fairly easy solution is to receive only under the species of wine ... Recently though another solution has been found thanks to the patience and perseverance of the Benedictine convent in Clyde, Missouri. Over two years of experiments they have developed a Communion wafer that has been approved as valid matter for the Eucharist by the Holy See. With a level of gluten of 0.01% it is safe enough for consumption by almost all celiac sufferers."

At Holy Cross we use the hosts prepared by the Sisters in Missouri. The parish provides them at no cost, along with a pyx to those who ask. Anyone with celiac disease should consult their health care provider before using these hosts.

A further note of clarification ... NONE of the individuals who wrote to our local paper to complain about this issue have ever contacted me or the parish office to address the issue. I am providing this article for your information and your use should the matter come up in your conversations.

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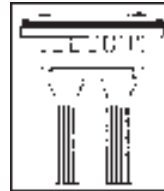


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