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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 3 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</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 4		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, January 5	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) † Amelia & Eugenio Paiva & Luis Paiva	
	7:30 p.m.		Liturgy Committee - Sacred Heart Room
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room
WEDNESDAY, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) † Anesia Melo	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:30 p.m.		Social Committee - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19-5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Abundio Munoz	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		Baptism Preparation - Cote Hall
FRIDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Barbara Jeffrey † Antonio Frias † Souls in Purgatory	
SATURDAY, January 9	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> Filomena Albanese; Josephine Bolden; Eduardo & Maria Estevan, Grace & Joe Almeida, Amador Martins, Antonio Goncalves & Conceicao Narcisco. Intentions of Jean Perreira; George & Joan Gonsalves; Kenneth & Nellie Hahnfeld.	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rita and Patrick Chapman.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection • November 2015	\$ 50,882.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 2,559	
Average envelope donation – \$17.44	
Building Fund	\$ 8,000.00
Holy Cross HELPS	\$ 8,306.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 67,188.00

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

Father Cull 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.

FAMILY FAVOURITE FARE & GAMES NIGHT

Please join us Christ the King Secondary School in the cafeteria on Saturday, February 6th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are adding a little twist to our annual "Chili Night" this year – instead of pots of chili, you can bring along one of your family's favourite dishes and a game for all to share. Maybe you have a secret family recipe or a special culinary treat that leaves you wanting more, well, we think it needs to be shared with your fellow parishioners. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family and will be available on January 16/17 and January 23/24. For further information please contact the parish office.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

A heartfelt expression of thanks

On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent greetings, cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your generosity and kindness, and I rejoice in the blessing of serving you throughout the coming year. I assure you of my prayers each morning before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Christmas Season be a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones. A special word of thanks is extended to all who helped to celebrate Christmas with such reverence and gracious dignity. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully. Thanks to the choirs, children's liturgy leaders, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ministers of hospitality.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Magi follow the guidance of a star that leads them to Bethlehem. In a spirit of humility, they present their gifts to the One who is priest, prophet and king:

- Frankincense for a priest: Jesus is the eternal High Priest of the new covenant.
- Myrrh for the anointing of a body at the time of burial: Jesus fulfills the prophetic word that the Saviour would give His life for the salvation of all people.
- Gold for a king: Jesus is the King of all creation.

During the Christmas Season, we too worship the newborn King and place our gifts before Him. The Gospel today reminds us that the Magi were humble enough to seek direction in order to find their way. On the journey of faith, we also need others to assist us, pray for us and encourage us.

As a parish family, may we continue to support one another on the journey of faith. Please join me daily in praying the prayer for our parish family found on the parish website.

Christmas Floral Tributes

Thank you to all who made a donation in memory of a deceased loved one and helped to beautify the church during the Christmas Season. As we praise God for all those who became members of the parish this past year through the sacrament of baptism, we also remember and continue to pray for all those who were buried from the parish this past year and for their families. To all those who mourn the death of a loved one and are experiencing a sense of loss during this season of peace, we offer the support of our prayers.

Outdoor Hockey

Over the Christmas holidays and further along the winter months, please know that I would be delighted to join you for some hockey, if the winter weather arrives, if you have a backyard rink, pond (preferably one that is frozen over!) or other area where you will be gathering to play. Feel free to contact me at the parish office if you or your family are planning some outdoor fun.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish Office will be mailing 2015 Income Tax receipts for donations received in the past year. Envelope users and those who support the parish through Pre-Authorized Debits, as well as directed donations received through 2015 will receive a receipt. Those who wish to support the parish through Sunday offering envelopes or through pre-authorized debits are invited to contact the parish office. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of the parish.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Boxed sets of 2016 envelopes are available for pick up again 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 2016 are due this week - please return them to the office **by January 6th** for January donations to be processed. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

COAT, HAT, & MITTEN DRIVE

Our Parish Nurse and the Health and Wellness Committee, with support from other groups in our parish, will be holding a "Coat, Hat & Mitten Drive" this month for the needy in our community. Please bring your gently used and clean coats, hats and mittens to the Sacred Heart Room before and after all Masses on the weekend of January 16/17. The distribution of these items will take place on Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Thank you for your support.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join Father David Wynen from April 19 to April 29, 2016 for a ten day pilgrimage to Italy. We will visit Florence, Assisi and Rome. During the Year of Mercy we will have the opportunity of passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the Doors of Mercy of the three other major Basilicas of Rome. All the while we will enjoy the culture, art and spirituality of Italy. For more information or for a brochure contact Father Wynen at dwynen@hamiltondiocese.com or contact Joanne Cothran at 1-866-296-3345.

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