



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

Office hours

Monday 12 Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. ~ 12 Noon

Parish Staff

Father David Wynen, Pastor
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (October 14 - April 28)

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule of Masses)

Parish Membership

Welcome! New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available in the Narthex or the Parish Office. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on Sunday afternoons, except during the Season of Lent. Adults requesting baptism, or the other sacraments of initiation should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Kindly contact the Pastor a minimum of one year before the desired date of marriage. Preparation is provided in the Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick - Visits to the sick, either at home or in hospital, can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for the *Sacrament of the Sick* and for *Holy Communion*. If you are admitted to the Georgetown Hospital please be sure to identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

Priesthood & Religious Life - Contact Father David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

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Prayer Network

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Saint Catherine School

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Halton Catholic District School Board

(905) 632-6300

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 6 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	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	
	6:30 p.m.		9 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.7-10; Mark 6.34-44) † Bertrand Douaud	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour (Church)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Patricia McCarthy	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting (Cote Hall)
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive (Sacred Heart Room)
WEDNESDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) † Robert Ehmann and Deceased Family Members	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
THURSDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19 - 5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Souls in Purgatory	
	7:30 p.m.		11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)
FRIDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Rita Van Wouw † Jacki Gerraghty † Joseph Young	
SATURDAY January 12	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Baptism of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Filomena & Marcantonio Albanese; Mark & Amanda Clough; Muriel Litster; Francesco Cosentino; Barmela & Giuseppe Falcicchio	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Andrew Syme.			

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish Office will be sending 2012 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 2012 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.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who dropped off gifts and cards to the office and rectory over the Christmas Season. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thanks also to all our musicians, decorators, and those who assisted with our Christmas liturgies.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season continues today with the celebration of the *Feast of the Epiphany* - the revelation of the Lord to the nations. Many of our Christmas decorations will be removed from the Church in the coming week as we prepare for the conclusion of the Season with next week's *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. The Season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 14th. The *Season of Lent* begins with *Ash Wednesday* on February 13th. Easter is early this year - Sunday, March 31st. The Season of Ordinary Time resumes after Pentecost Sunday (May 19th). These weeks are always a busy time in the parish as we celebrate Confirmations (February & May) and 1st receptions of Holy Communion (April, May & June) in addition to the feasts and celebrations of the Lent & Easter Seasons!

FATHER'S NEWS & NOTES ...

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated anytime one is seriously ill or facing major surgery. It is not reserved to the time of death. We do not have "last rites" which suggest a limitation in an appreciation of the healing ministry of the Church's prayer. When someone is near death there are special prayers of commendation that are used. Please call the parish office if you, or a member of your family wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

Georgetown Hospital

The priests of the parish 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.

Low-gluten hosts

The parish has "low-gluten" hosts which can be used by those who are dealing with celiac challenges. Please speak with me if you wish to begin using these hosts.

Handicapped Parking spots

We have several "handicapped" parking spots near the church entrance. Please note that ONLY people with a valid parking pass may use these spots. Folks who are able-bodied should use the other parking areas. Often those who really need the spots do not have access to them.

2014 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2014 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.

Sabbatical

My sabbatical leave will begin with my departure from the parish on Saturday, January 26th. I return to Holy Cross on Thursday, May 16th. For the most part my time will be spent in Rome, however, I will also do some travelling during this time. In Rome I'll participate in a program for priests offered by the *Pontifical North American College*. This is a grace-filled opportunity for me and I humbly ask your prayers and offer the assurance of my prayers for you. Father Mark Sullivan will offer pastoral care to the parish during my absence. He may be contacted through the Parish Office and he will live in the priest's residence. Thanks in advance to our parish staff for all their support during the time I will be away.

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Halton Catholic District School Board will be piloting the implementation of an *Early French Immersion Program* for students entering Grade 1 in September 2013. All Halton Hills students currently in Senior Kindergarten are eligible to register for this optional program which will run at **St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School**. Registration for this program will consist of a two-part process; completion of an online registration form, as well as completion of a written registration form in person. Parents and guardians are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School, 73 Miller Drive, Georgetown. If you have any questions regarding the information meeting or the Early French Immersion program, please contact Sylvianne Kohl, French Curriculum Consultant for the Halton Catholic District School Board, at kohls@hcdsb.org

CATHOLIC FUNERAL INFORMATION

On Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. we will offer an evening workshop on Funerals. Staff of the Jones Funeral Home, Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton, and Father Dave will make presentations on various aspects of funeral planning. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions and receive information on Catholic funerals. All are welcome to come - join us for this informative evening. The session will take place in Cote Hall (Parish Life Centre).

PASTORAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Teacher candidates, support staff, and those seeking leadership roles in Catholic schools are required to have a letter from their parish priest offering his support of their application to the Catholic School Board. Pastoral letters of reference are offered for parishioners who regularly attend Sunday Mass and are involved in our parish community. Standard forms for this purpose have been provided by the Diocese of Hamilton and are completed during a personal interview with one of the priests of the parish. Kindly contact the parish office to arrange an appointment. A faith reflection will be provided to the prospective candidate and we ask that it be completed and brought in when the candidate meets with the priest. Please note that there are some situations where it may not be possible to offer a pastoral letter. A lack of church attendance, and/or the pursuit of a lifestyle which may not be in harmony with the Church's teaching may present a situation in which the priest is not able to offer a positive pastoral reference. Our Catholic teachers are in a position to offer a powerful witness to the Catholic faith.

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