



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 K. Cull, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 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 Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President
905-877-7226

Knights of Columbus

Jim McDonald, Grand Knight
905-873-2519

Holy Cross Youth Group

hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

Prayer Network

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12)	
MONDAY January 8		No Mass	
TUESDAY, January 9	2:00 p.m.		Prayer Shawl Meeting - Cote Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28 (I) Paul & Louise Brown	
	7:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20) † Bernhard Scholz	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
THURSDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 4.1c-11; Mark 1.40-45) † Gilda de Page & Genoveva Barsallo	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2.1-12) † Mary Beth Brown † Silvano Guidotti & Deceased Family Members (I) In honour of St. Joseph for Augusto S. & Antonio M. (I) the de Souza Family	
SATURDAY, January 13	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Mary Stone; Manuel & John Araujo; Iva Waters; Melvin Nevins; Doris, Egidio & Dennis Morello; Patrick Joseph Doherty.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

A Growing Community . . . I am grateful for the many new parishioners who continue to register and make their home with us. This past Christmas, I estimate that there were approximately 5200 who gathered to worship with us over the six Holy Masses that were offered, including about 1,600 at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Another sign of the growth we are experiencing is the number of children preparing for the celebration of the sacraments. Over the next few weeks the grade seven young people will be gathering for a retreat day at the church in preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation in February. Please keep these young people and their families in your 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 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 2017 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 2017 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.

COAT & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Parish Nurse and the Health and Wellness Committee with the support from other groups in our parish will be holding a "Coat, Hat, Mitten and Warm Clothing Drive" on the weekend of January 20/21 for the needy in our community. Please bring your gently used and clean coats, hats, mittens and warm clothing to the Sacred Heart Room before and after all the Masses on that weekend only. If you or someone you know wish to receive any of these free items please pick them up from the Sacred Heart Room after any of the Masses. On Monday, January 22nd all remaining items will be distributed to *Food For Life* food bank - located at St. John's United Church Georgetown; *Regeneration Outreach Community*, Brampton - serving homeless and near homeless; and *Welcome In Drop-in Centre* in Guelph.

ALPHA

Hospitality: Help is needed from parishioners to help prepare and set out light snacks and refreshments, followed by cleaning up. With many volunteers, each volunteer would not be needed every week. If you are interested in helping please contact Gerry Byrne at alphaholycross@gmail.com

Sign-up: The Alpha course will begin on Thursday, February 1st at the parish. Alpha is for anyone who is curious about the Christian faith and who is seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. If you know of anyone who has left the church, is seeking a relationship with God or is interested in the Christian faith, please encourage him or her to take the course. For more information on the Alpha program and to register, please go the parish website at www.holycrossrc.com

GFORCe2 - PUB NIGHT

GFORCe2 will be hosting a pub night on Saturday, January 13th at St. Alban's Anglican Church hall. All proceeds go to support our next Syrian family. Live, local entertainment (including our own 'Dino-P-Joe Sideroad Trio), 50/50 Draw, sausage on a bun, snacks and cash bar. Donate unwanted Christmas presents for live auction fun! Free will offering on entry. Reserve your table after all Masses this weekend or call James or Kate Welsh at 905-873-0011 to reserve your spot.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018

Boxed sets of 2018 envelopes will be 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 2018 should be returned by **Sunday, January 7**. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Chili Night . . . Saturday, February 3rd after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Cote Hall. We will be serving Chili, hotdogs and dessert. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks.

Pub Night . . . Friday, April 20th. It's time for another of our Parish Pub Nights. Please mark your calendar for an evening of great music, food & frivolity. Tickets must be purchased in advance - no at-the-door sales. Watch the bulletin for further details and ticket sales.

West Side Story . . . Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jacob's Theatre. We will travel by coach bus to the theatre. Tickets are \$70 per person. Watch the bulletin for details and ticket sales.

2018 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2018 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.

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS

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. Please note that the *Sacrament of the Sick* can be received at any time of serious illness or before surgery. If you, or a family member, are homebound due to illness please inform the parish office. Arrangements can be made for the reception of Holy Communion, home visits and the assistance of our parish nurse.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

As Catholics, it is important to remember our loved ones by praying for them at Holy Mass. On Friday mornings and Saturday evenings, Holy Mass is offered for a number of intentions. In order to simplify the announcement of the intentions and not have too long a list, the names of family members may be grouped together under the last name.

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