



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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

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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.

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
SUNDAY, January 8 Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12	9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass	(I) Holy Cross Parishioners	
MONDAY, January 9 • Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 • Acts 10:34-38 • Mark 1:7-11	No Mass	No Mass	Father Philip Reilly, C.R.
TUESDAY, January 10 1 Samuel 1:9-20 • Mark 1:21-28	7:00 p.m. Mass	† Robert Beeney	Father Jim Valk, C.R.
WEDNESDAY, January 11 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 • Mark 1:29-39	8:00 a.m.	† Irene McCauley	Father Tim Hingston
THURSDAY, January 12 1 Samuel 4:1c-11 • Mark 1:40-45	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Richard Tobin	Missionaries
FRIDAY, January 13 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a • Mark 2:1-12	8:00 a.m. Mass	† Marie Louise Vincent † Gerald Michael Casey † Priscillia Murphy	Father David Wilhelm
SATURDAY, January 14 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a • Mark 2:13-17	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Monsignor Murray Kroetsch
SANCTUARY LAMP This week the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the DeMelo and Vieira Families.	5:00 p.m. Mass	† Bill Finnigan † John Voros † Vincenzo Luciani † Lucille Stokes † Floy Beaton-Leach	

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, January 9

6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - All Members

TUESDAY, January 10

7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

7:30 p.m. K of C General Meeting - Cote Hall

7:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting - Sacred Heart Room

WEDNESDAY, January 11

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Session for Parish Course

7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

THURSDAY, January 12

7:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room

7:30 p.m. RCIA - Cote Hall

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Christmas Day \$ 29,867.00

Regular Collection • December 18 \$ 9,742.00

Regular Collection • December 25 \$ 12,464.00

New Church Building Fund \$ 4,255.00

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 56,328.00

ROMAN MISSAL

We continue to do well with the responses. "And with your spirit" presents its challenges sometimes. For the Sunday Masses in the month of January I will be using Eucharistic Prayer II - we used Eucharistic Prayer III for Advent. We'll continue using the Nicene Creed for Sundays until the Season of Lent when we will use the *Apostles' Creed*.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thanks to the members of our parish who offer generous support for the work of our community and the needs of our parish buildings. New parishioners and those who do not yet have a way of financially supporting the parish are encouraged to request *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or to consider *Pre-Authorized Debits*. Our parish office will be pleased to arrange either form of giving for you. Please note that the second Sunday of each month is our *New Church* collection. All the proceeds (100%) go toward the mortgage of our new parish buildings. These funds are not subject to the annual Diocesan assessment of 11%. Your kind financial support and your contributions of time and talent help make Holy Cross the great parish that it is!

Thanks to all for your generous support of the parish this Christmas.

TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts for donations made to Holy Cross Parish in 2011 will be mailed before the end of February. Holy Cross Parish is a Federally registered charitable organization, subject to the regulations of the Canada Revenue Agency concerning charities. All identified donations to the parish are eligible for an income tax receipt.

WEDDINGS IN 2013

Couples planning to marry at Holy Cross Parish in 2013 are invited to contact the parish office to make arrangements. We ask one year's notice of marriage in order to accommodate the various aspects of the preparation process. Those planning weddings away from Georgetown are also asked to offer one year's notice - often these weddings involve additional documentation which can take time. Catholics are encouraged to follow the Church's law regarding marriage, namely, that it takes place in a Catholic church before an ordained deacon or priest and in the presence of two witnesses.

BAPTISMS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with children when at least one parent is a Catholic. Parents and godparents are invited to take up the practice of the faith if this has been lacking. You are the "first teachers" of your children in the faith and we pray that you will be the best of teachers! For serious family reasons, permission may be given for Baptism to be celebrated in another Catholic parish, or to celebrate Baptism with families from outside our parish. Arrangements for Baptism can be made before the child is born. We ask new parents to participate in a *Baptism Preparation Meeting* (generally the first Thursday of each month). It would be fine to participate in this meeting before the child is born. Godparents are welcome to attend the meeting if they are able. A "godparent" is a fully initiated Roman Catholic - meaning that they are baptized, confirmed and regularly practising their Catholic faith. Baptized non-Catholics may act as a *Christian Witness* along with a Catholic godparent.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 9 A.M. MASS

Thanks to the leaders & volunteers who offer *Children's Liturgy of the Word* each Sunday at the **9:00 a.m.** Mass. They will resume next Sunday, January 15th. It's not too late to sign up!

CHILDREN AT MASS ...

Speaking of children - what a great joy it is to have so many children and families at our parish Masses - it is a great sign of our future as a parish. Sometimes the little ones get a little excited. If this happens parents may wish to bring their child to the Narthex until they calm down. If toys are necessary - quiet and soft toys are preferred. Thanks to our parents for bringing their children to Mass ... sometimes it's a struggle, but then each stage of parenting brings its own challenges. The regular participation in Sunday Mass will help form our children as followers of the Risen Lord.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

This document, published by the Canadian Bishops is well worth reading. Copies are available in the Narthex or online at www.cccb.ca under "Commissions & Committees," then "doctrine," then "documents." (http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/ministry-ssa_en.pdf). This is an important issue and it is good for us to understand our Church's teaching on the matter.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The beginning of school (tomorrow) brings a return to many of the regular activities of the parish - please note the following -

Daily Mass

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Daily Mass does not replace the Sunday obligation, but it is a beautiful way to celebrate God's presence in our daily life. Intentions for daily Mass can be arranged through our parish office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Church)

This form of reflective, quiet prayer is a welcome time for many who wish to spend an hour (or more or less) in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Barring a Funeral celebration, Adoration takes place in the Church.

Monthly Holy Hour with Benediction

Wednesday, January 25th, 2012

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Church) - reflective song, Scripture and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This month's intention will be for the families of our parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This wonderful Sacrament of God's mercy and peace is celebrated every Saturday afternoon 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Reconciliation Chapel in the Church.

FAMILY PASTA NIGHT

We will be having a **Family Pasta Night** on Saturday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School. Tickets are \$25 per family (adults and young children) or \$10 per person. Water, juice and coffee provided. Cash bar for wine and beer. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses the weekend of January 21st & 22nd. Please plan to join us.

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