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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST (Saturday) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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 Women's League Mary Jo Jans, President (905) 873-4151

Knights of Columbus Peter McKenna, Grand Knight (905) 873-1785 **Prayer Network** Gladys (905) 877-6389 Cecile (905) 873-4055

Natural Family Planning Melissa (647) 478-8452 Joanne (905) 873-0262 Halton Catholic District School Board (905) 632-6300

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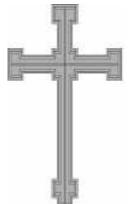
Christ the King Secondary (905) 702-8838

Holy Cross School (905) 877-4451

Saint Francis School (905) 877-6928

Saint Brigid School (905) 877-1779

Saint Catherine School (905) 702-8001



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | TIME/EVENT/INTENTION/(LOCATION) | PLEASE PRAY FOR |
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| SUNDAY, July 22 Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Ephesians 2:13-18 • Mark 6:30-34 | 9:00 a.m. Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parishioners | |
| MONDAY, July 23 Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 • Matthew 12:38-42 | No Mass | Father John Van Hees |
| TUESDAY, July 24 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 • Matthew 12:46, 48-50 | 9:00 a.m Daily Mass & Jim Smyth | Father Peter Coughlin |
| WEDNESDAY, July 25 • Saint James, apostle 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 • Matthew 20:20-28 | 9:00 a.m Daily Mass 한 Emerine deSouza | Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B. |
| THURSDAY, July 26 • Saint Anne & Saint Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sirach 44:1-8, 10-15 • Matthew 13:16-17 | 9:00 a.m Daily Mass 🕆 Deceased Members of the Murphy Family | Father Kenneth LeBlanc, L.C. |
| FRIDAY, July 27 Jeremiah 3:14-17 • Matthew 13:18-23 | 9:00 a.m Daily Mass ជ George Sebalj ជ George Perry (I) Michael Curley | Monsignor Harvey Roach |
| SATURDAY, July 28 Jeremiah 7:1-11 • Matthew 13:24-30 | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m Reconciliation | Father Chester Chmurzynski, C.R. |
| SANCTUARY LAMP This week the Sanctuary lamp is in memory of the deceased members of the Gillis Family. | 5:00 p.m Sunday Vigil Mass १ Hermano Almeida १ Clifford Gordon Parker १ Bill Finnigan १ Monsignor J. Vincent Kerr १ Craig Buker | |

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

| Regular Collection • July 8 | \$ | 7,006.00 |
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| Total number of regular envelopes – 374 | | |
| Average envelope donation – \$16.53 | | |
| New Church Building Fund | \$ | 2,564.00 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION | \$ | 9,570.00 |
| Thank you for your generosity to our parish community. | | |



BISHOP CROSBY

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, the Bishop of Hamilton, has appointed Monsignor Murray Kroetsch as Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. We offer our congratulations to

Monsignor Kroetsch and assure him of our prayers as he takes on this new responsibility. He continues to serve as Vicar General of the Diocese, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington and Director of the Office of Liturgy. The Chancellor acts in an executive function assisting the Bishop in the day to day administration of the Diocese. Monsignor served as an associate pastor at Holy Cross in the early 1980's with Father Dave Cote. He replaces Monsignor Kerr who entered Eternal Life in June and who had served as Chancellor since December 2010.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Thanks to all who regularly support the parish financially through the use of offering envelopes or preauthorized debits. Please don't forget to make your contributions to the parish during the summer months. If you are not currently using envelopes or PAD kindly contact the parish office and we'll set up either method for you. The parish is a federally registered charitable organization and income tax receipts are given for all recorded donations. Giving financial support to the parish enables our community to meet its financial obligations and pay its bills. There are some in our community who have been impacted by the economic situation of the present day. For those who are employed you may wish to reflect on the amount of your contribution to the parish. For example, if you are regularly giving \$5.00 per week, you may wish to consider giving \$7.50 or \$10 ... even that small increase would be a great help. People who are giving at other levels may also wish to reflect on their sacrificial offering for the parish and its works. Our parishioners have always generously supported the parish and our community is thankful for all the donations to our parish. May God, the source of all our gifts, bless you in your generosity.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

Parents of children in Grade 2 (1st Confession & 1st Communion) or in Grade 7/8 (Confirmation) should visit our on-line registration for the Sacraments on the website. Dates for these celebrations are filling up - visit now to ensure you get your preferred date!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couples preparing for
marriage:July 28thRobert Blazejewicz & Andrea BurtonAugust 25thAndrew Attia & Tina SpatolaSeptember 1stNick Johnstone & Mariangela CavalliniSeptember 8thNicholas DeForest & Adele RinaldiOctober 6thJayden Leung & Angelajane McLeodNov 17thBruno Araujo & Justine Mare

Dec 29th Kyle Artem & Sinead Irvine

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We continue a series in this week's bulletin on Catholic teaching about marriage. The text is from the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (© 2008 COLF) which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Why do many people today delay getting married? Today many couples pursue a sexual relationship without making a marriage commitment. There are many reasons for this: the opportunities and demands of study, work and travel; a reluctance to embrace any life-course that might involve sacrifice; a fear of making a life-long commitment to another person and of the responsibility of child-rearing; economic and social pressures; a secular mindset that sees marriage merely as a legal contract rather than a God-given vocation; and so on. Even Christians sometimes talk of a "trial" marriage by "living together" for a time, perhaps for many years, before finally "taking the plunge" and "tying the knot".

But the more commonplace living together has become, the more evidence has accumulated that it reduces marital sticking power. People are sold short by being told to postpone that for they are made by nature and grace. They become habituated in non-commitment, in putting off ever saying "I do." If ever they are ready to commit they face the problem that they have for years practised not committing to that person. They have always had in their mind "I can get out of this if things don't work out as I want." Now they have to learn all over again how truly to love. The imaginary freedom of living with "no strings attached" actually limits their freedom really to give themselves and achieve their true happiness. For as Jesus taught: "No greater love has any man that he give his life for his beloved" (John 15.13).

A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love, you created us in your image woman and man. We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other. Sustain us in your love and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance and direction in our relationship. In marriage you call and challenge us to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship. Be our strength and support, therefore, as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting, honest commitment united in love. Give us your strength to carry each other in times of darkness, your joy in times of happiness, and your gift of awe in the uniqueness and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection and a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

But does getting married really add anything? "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter: appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* #1643).

The public declaration of those ideals through the promise to love and honour as husband and wife for the rest of their lives commits both spouses to a certain plan of life. It transcends all the anxiety and ambiguity of merely living together. It calls upon the family and friends present and the wider community to recognize and support that marriage. In making this declaration before God and his Church in a sacramental marriage, a couple also invoke the supernatural grace which they need to support them to live their vocation. They publicly profess not only their love, but their faith and hope.



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