



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
Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
Mrs. Barb Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant
Mr. Dino Arsenault, Maintenance
Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; & 12:00 Noon

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.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Women's League

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(905) 702-8001

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 1 <i>Lent 2</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-10)	
MONDAY, March 2		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, March 3	11:00 a.m.		Lenten Scripture Series - Session #2
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23.1-12) † Beatrice Clough	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Rm
WEDNESDAY, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28) † Maria Testa & Nazzareno Testa	
	7:00 p.m.		Lenten Scripture Series - Session #2
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31) † Patrick Stoyles	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		CONFIRMATION
FRIDAY, March 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Gen. 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Mt. 21.33-43, 45-46) † Glen Chester † Olive Milloy † John & Jeremiah deOliveira	
	7:00 p.m.		CONFIRMATION
SATURDAY, March 7	10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.		CONFIRMATION
	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Jocelyn McArthur; Suzanne Raasch; Christine Wilcox; Leon & Felisa Rondilla	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Renato Dias.

SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* began with **Ash Wednesday** (February 18th). The imposition of ashes is a tangible sign that we are willing to repent and believe in the Gospel. During the 40 days (including Sundays) we make sacrifices, take on penance, fast and abstain from non-essentials, so that we might focus more directly on the Lord in our lives. During this season, catechumens (those who are preparing for baptism) prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy

Communion – and all of us are invited to recall our baptism and adopt a penitential spirit to prepare for the joy of Easter.

Please prayerfully consider the following ways of entering more fully into the spirit of the Lenten season:
- Participating in the 3-Part Scripture Series that I am presenting in power point format reflecting and meditating on three key passages in the Gospel of John: the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These three passages were of particular significance to those preparing for baptism in

the early Church. The series is being offered on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The two remaining sessions are on Tuesday March 3rd and Wednesday March 4th; and Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday March 11th.

-Praying over the scripture readings for each day of the forty days of Lent using the meditation booklet by Father Barron.

-Fasting by giving some precious time each week to either participate at Holy Mass on Tuesday Evenings or to gather for Adoration and the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

-Almsgiving by setting aside one dollar a day in support of the Share Lent Offering (or some other charity such as Canadian Food for Children).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS OF LENT

During Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross will follow Adoration starting at 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to reflect on the depth of God's self-sacrificing love, to join our sufferings to those of Jesus and to become more sensitive to the needs of those around us. This is a wonderful Lenten devotion for individuals and families.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

During the penitential Season of Lent, I encourage you to make your peace with God in this graced encounter with the Father of all mercies. Pope Francis so beautifully reminds us: "Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms...How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost! Let me say once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." There will be opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 28th, Tuesday, March 31st, and Wednesday, April 1st. In addition, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

FROM FATHER CULL - PRAYERS FOR MY MOTHER

About two weeks ago my mom was admitted to Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton. She was recently diagnosed with meningitis and is recovering slowly but well. My mother, my brothers and I are very grateful for the outpouring of prayerful support that continues to be offered for her. My mom is blessed to have a very loving relationship with Jesus and Mary. She is grateful for the care that she is receiving.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015

Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" Written by the women of the Bahamas. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christians of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people, praying with them and for them; and use our talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. Please join us in celebrating World Day of Pray at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. S., Friday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

YOUTH MINISTRY SAYS THANK YOU!!

The Youth Ministry would like to thank all the "sweet" people who helped make our bake sale such a success. The many "warm" generous donations of baked goods were much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

BIRTHRIGHT MILTON

Birthright Milton would like to thank Holy Cross Parishioners for their generosity. Our Baby Bottle Drive was a wonderful success, raising close to \$5800 which will be put towards a much needed advertising campaign in the Halton area. We especially would like to thank the ladies of the CWL for all their help and continued support. Receipts for 2014 will be available at all Masses this weekend. If you require a receipt and it is not with the others, please contact our office at 905-875-1245 or email milton@birthright.org

HEAL YOUR HEART

Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents). There is help - you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 8 week course being held Thursdays March 5, 12, 26 and April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 at Mary Mother of God Parish, 2741 N Trail Ridge, Oakville. Choose from the afternoon session (1-3pm) or the evening session (7-9pm). For more information call ilse at 905-338-1778. To register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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