



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

Jane Santaluce, President
(905) 877-7226

Knights of Columbus

Leo Santaluce, Grand Knight
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(905) 877-1779

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(905) 702-8001

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 8 <i>Lent 3</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; John 2.13-25)	
MONDAY, March 9		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, March 10	11:00 a.m.		Lenten Scripture Series - Session #3
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Family Mass (Daniel 3.25, 34-43; Matthew 18.21-35) (I) Holy Cross Parish Schools	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9; Matthew 5.17-19) (I) Sean & Angela Tannahill	
	7:00 p.m.		Lenten Scripture Series - Session #3
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, March 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jeremiah 7.23-28; Luke 11.14-23) † Teresa Anne Pommer	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hosea 14.1-9; Mark 12.28b-34) † Ljubica Babic † Janko & Barka Bursic (I) Bill Strachan	
	6:00 p.m.	Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.	
SATURDAY, March 14	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Delia & Kevin Soares; George Coyle; Matthew Smiley; Bill Finnigan & Joseph Gyorvary; Anne Dwyer. Int. of Suzanne Luciani	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.

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:

- 3 Part Scripture Series** - The final session of the Scripture Series will take place next week, March 10th & 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).

MARCH 8, 2015

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.**

YOUTH MINISTRY SAYS THANK YOU!!

The Youth Ministry would like to thank all those who have supported the youth over the last two weekends through various fundraising efforts, including the bake sale, the hockey jersey raffle and the 50/50 tickets. It has been a huge success! Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will help the Youth Ministry going forward.

CAShh - Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills

CAShh will be holding their annual "Give Where You Live" campaign from April 1 through April 30th. If you are interested in canvassing (door to door) or walking (putting door hangers), please contact Marilyn Inglis at 905-702-8886. Thank you for your support of our charity!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The Catholic Women's League General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 24th following th 7:00 p.m. Mass. (Note: the meeting has been moved from March 17th to March 24th due to the March Break.) We will be collecting hot cereal, instant coffee, and cookies this month for the Georgetown Bread Basket. We will be having a Games Night at the meeting. Please bring a friend and join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - August 17 to 21

Please mark your calendars and join us for this year's VBS. Registration will take place in May. Children currently in Junior Kindergarten and up to grade 3 are welcome to join us for a morning filled with crafts, games, snacks, bible stories and songs. We need volunteers to help make our VBS a success. If you are interested in helping out please contact the parish office.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Are you part of a Small Christian Community at Holy Cross Parish? If you are, please contact the parish office and let us know who you are and when you meet. We would like to get a list of the groups meeting in the parish and the resources they are using. Please email the office at holycrossgeorgetown@bellnet.ca or call 905-873-1887.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:0 p.m. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years in the year 2015. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required.) To participate in the celebration, please refer to the poster in the poster in the Narthex of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

CAMP KUMUNTOME

Are you looking for a fun affordable summer vacation with your family? Join us at Camp Kumuntome (Christian Family Holiday Inc.) for a week of fun and renewal with 5 other Catholic families. We are located just south of Owen Sound on a beautiful acreage with an outdoor chapel, sleeping cabins for each family a beautiful quiet lake and all the amenities of home. Every family should have a holiday together and Camp Kumuntome strives to make that possible. For more information or to register please contact Dan and Sherri White 519-642-7235 or email kumuntome@gmail.com. To receive our latest newsletter email cfh50years@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/campkumuntome>

2016 WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry in 2016 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.

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