

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
Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance
Mrs. Barb 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. (October to April)

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 Cull or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery - Contact Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton (905) 877-8500.

Catholic Women's League

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Date | Time | Eucharist | Parish Meetings |
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| SUNDAY, March 2 Ordinary 8 | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 49.14-15; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.24-34) | |
| MONDAY, March 3 | | No Mass | |
| | 6:45 p.m. | | 9 am Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members |
| TUESDAY, March 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (1 Peter 1.10-16; Mark 10.28-31) † Patrick Stoyles | |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 7:30 p.m. | | CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room |
| ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5 | 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. | Daily Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20 - 6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18) (I) Holy Cross Parishioners | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room |
| THURSDAY, March 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25) (I) Gregory Waters | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | | 11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room |
| FRIDAY, March 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass (Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15) † Mary Greenway † Michele Graziani † Karl Klein | |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Holy Hour | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross and Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross | |
| SATURDAY, March 8 | 4 - 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass - The First Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Giulia Macri; Ton Cools; Albina Clarizio; Christine Wilcox. (I) Wyn Ingham; (I) Antonine Landry | |

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Frank Gillis.

Message from Father Cull

SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* begins with **Ash Wednesday** (March 5th). 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:

-Praying over the scripture readings for each day of the forty days of Lent.

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

-Almsgiving by setting aside one dollar a day in support of the Share Lent Offering (or some other charity).

ASH WEDNESDAY (March 5, 2014)

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| 9:00 a.m. | Parish Mass with Imposition of Ashes |
| 10:00 a.m. | Liturgy - St. Brigid School (School) |
| 11:30 a.m. | Liturgy - St. Catherine School (School) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Liturgy - Holy Cross School (School) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Liturgy - St. Francis School (School) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Parish Mass with Imposition of Ashes |

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *universal fasting and abstinence from meat* for Catholics. The rules for abstaining from meat are simple. All Catholics, 14 years of age and older, may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday as a sign of penance. One may choose to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year or perform some act of charity in place of abstinence.

Fasting from food applies to Catholics, in good health, who are between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age. A fast may simply mean eating less food at the times of day we normally eat.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

HOLY MASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

During Lent, Holy Mass will be offered each Tuesday Evening at 7:00 p.m. following the Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration which takes place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is in addition to the regularly scheduled Holy Mass which is offered each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY MORNINGS

During Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction. This is in addition to the regularly scheduled Holy Hour that takes place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MEDITATIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS- FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 7:00 p.m. BEGINNING MARCH 7TH

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. Following the Stations, I will offer a brief meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. The Seven Words have their own particular structure. They begin with words addressed to the Father, find their centre in a cry to the Father, and return to address Him again at the end. Each meditation will conclude by 8:00 p.m.

THE 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, April 5th, Tuesday April 15th and Wednesday April 16th. In addition, a **Parish Penance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests available to celebrate the sacrament.**

MARCH BREAK FAMILY FUN SKATE

The Social Committee of Holy Cross Parish is once again sponsoring a "March Break Family Skate." Tickets are \$5 for a family. We have rented a rink at MoldMasters from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. on Wednesday March 12th. Our Christmas Skate was a huge success with many new families participating. We were on one of the new rinks and it was full. The children were so excited to have Father Cull skating with them. Tickets are on sale after all Masses. For more information contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

Weekend Retreats

Weekend Retreats at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre - Pickering. Come join us on a silent weekend retreat at Manresa. Women's Weekend - March 14 - 16 and Men's Weekend - March 21 to 23. For more information, please contact Daryll or Joanne Hillier at 905-873-0262.

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