



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

Jane Santaluce, President
(905) 877-7226

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 9 Lent 1	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25, 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11)	
MONDAY, March 10		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 am Choir Rehearsal - CANCELLED
TUESDAY, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15) † Gertrude Strasser	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Lisa Quinn	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC General Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY, March 12	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32) (I) Amelia Germana Margarida Pavao	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, March 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12) † Deceased Members of the Sebalj Family	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
FRIDAY, March 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26) † John Vella † Ljubica Babic † Michele Graziani	
	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 15	4 - 4:30 p.m	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttill; Martina & Franci Kremesec; Doug Christensen; Mansu McGuinness; Maria & Antonio Santos	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Maria Santos.

CHILI & THEATRE NIGHT

Wow what a "Family Night" at Christ the King on Saturday, March 1st. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped to make it such a success; those who helped to sell the tickets at the Masses; the wonderful youth helpers who were there all during the day and into the night for clean up; the 21+ Parishioners who cooked and donated the pots of delicious chili for us; to the 21+ Parishioners who made and donated the wonderful desserts; the Knights of Columbus who BBQ'd outside in the cold for us and served up the Hot Dogs; the many adults who were there for the day and into the night for clean up; some staff

*from CtK who came and helped; to the Custodian Julio who was so helpful. Thank you to Father Cull for suggesting we bring the Black Family here to entertain us. They were wonderful! Can you imagine having that much talent in one family. Amazing! Congratulations and thank you to Patrick Boyadjian who won \$490 in the 50/50 Draw and graciously donated it back to the Parish. **We sincerely hope you all enjoyed the evening and we look forward to our next event.***

Your Social Committee: Father Cull, E. Anderson, B. Boulanger, M.J. Jans, J. Santaluce, J. Torres, B. Clough & M. Simpson

HOLY CROSS H.E.L.P.S.

Holy Cross HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The February collection was \$860.00. In the past month we responded to 9 calls for food assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

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. Tickets are on sale after all Masses. For more information contact Jane at 905-877-7226 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH & CHIPS TICKETS

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets during Lent for Fish & Chips. The tickets are redeemable at Golden Fish & Chips, 32 Main Street South, Georgetown. One order of Halibut & Chips for \$12.00 (take out only). For information contact Jim Pickett at 289-891-8984.

A NOTE FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Families are kindly reminded to remove all wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by **April 1st** to facilitate the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

SEASON OF LENT

The *Season of Lent* began with **Ash Wednesday** (March 5th). The imposition of ashes were 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).

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

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

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.

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.**

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