



# 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  
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary  
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.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President  
(905) 877-7226

### Knights of Columbus

Jim McDonald, Grand Knight  
(905) 873-2519

### Holy Cross Youth Group

[hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com)

### Prayer Network

Chris (905) 877-0462  
Frans (905) 877-6369

### 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 27 Advent 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.37-44)	
MONDAY, November 28		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, November 29	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Family Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) (I) Catholic Education	
WEDNESDAY November 30 <i>St. Andrew, apostle</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22) ‡ Ruben Pacquing	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
THURSDAY, December 1	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27) ‡ Souls in Purgatory	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Rm
FRIDAY, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) ‡ Michele Graziani ‡ St. Joseph & Souls in Purgatory (I) Special Intentions	
SATURDAY, December 3	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Manuel & Alcidia Pavao; George & Nina Busuttill; Luis Botelho; Fred, Amelia & Charles Coriaty; Lydia Padua; Vivian Stone; Bruna Di Renzo; Antonio Borges & Deceased Members of the Borges Family.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in Thanksgiving.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our Christmas Social will be on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Refreshments 6:30 - Dinner 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> IS DEADLINE). If you are looking to secure a table for a group we are suggesting that you designate one person to purchase the tickets and pay for the whole table, providing us with the names of the 8 people at your table. All women of the Parish are most welcome to join us. Tickets are limited.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

⇒ *Christmas Dinner Get Together ...* Pieta Council 6026 is holding their Christmas Dinner Get Together on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Glencairn Golf Club, 9807 Regional Road #25, Milton ON. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased by contacting Jim Pickett at 289-891-8984. Come out and have an enjoyable evening with your Brother Knights and friends.

⇒ *Christmas Cakes ...* Knights will be selling Christmas Cakes once again this year after all Masses beginning this weekend. Small cakes are \$15 and large cakes \$25. These cakes are made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey and all money raised goes to Campaign Life Coalition.

⇒ *Sunday Missals ...* 2017 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2016 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.1

### HOLY CROSS HELPS

This weekend there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. Members of HELPS will be at the doors after all Masses to accept your donation for this collection which allows them to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

### The Season of Advent

While the calendar year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church's year starts with the Season of Advent. Advent has a twofold nature: we look forward to Christ's second coming and we recall His first coming at Bethlehem. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. There is, however, a growing discomfort among many people with the commercialization of Christmas, a sense that we have forgotten the true meaning of the season. In order to recapture the "reason for the Season of Christmas" we are invited to approach Advent in a spirit of humble prayer. The following are some suggestions to help us throughout the Advent Season:

- ▶ If you put up a Nativity scene during Advent, wait until Christmas Eve to place the figure of the baby Jesus in the scene. Invite the youngest family member to have this honour. Do not introduce the Magi until after Christmas. Set them at a distance from the Nativity scene and move them a little closer to the manger each day leading up to Epiphany.
- ▶ Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. The sacrament is available every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Pray the rosary or another family prayer before the Nativity scene each evening.
- ▶ If you send cards, make this a family celebration rather than an obligation. Each card could contain a hand-written, personal note and be signed by all family members.
- ▶ Simplify the gift-giving process.
- ▶ Assist "Holy Cross Helps" or another charitable organization.

### Parish Memorial Mass

Our Parish memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We will remember in a special way those who have died during the past year, but all parishioners are invited to come to remember their own family and friends who have died over the years. A light reception will follow the Mass. Please RSVP to Theresa Scholz.

### Christmas Floral Tributes

During the Christmas Season, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes express our faith in Christ's promise of eternal life and help to beautify the church. Forms will be available in the narthex next weekend for all who wish to make a donation. Envelope users may simply use the special envelope provided in their box. The names of all the deceased will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Holy Masses during the Christmas Season.

### ALPHA

The Alpha course begins at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! We are now ready to accept registrations. Alpha is for people who do not have a relationship with God, or for people who have been away from church for an extended period of time, or for people who have had little or no experience of the Christian faith. If you, your spouse, family member, co-worker or friend would benefit from this course, please inform them about Alpha and provide them with the URL below. Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a 30-minute video and then small group discussions. The discussions are an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas without being corrected or judged. For more information about the program, to register, to view videos or to send an email for more information, enter the following URL into your Internet browser: <https://goo.gl/RHNnlo> (all letters). For people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, plans are in place to introduce a similar program next year.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is looking for lunch supervision assistance. Please contact the school at 905-877-6928 if you are interested in this paid position.

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Food, Wine, Song and Saints - A Trip Through Italy: Father Mark Gatto of St. Matthew Parish in Oakville and his music director, Dwayne Cahill, are organizing a trip through Italy for next spring, May 28 to June 7, 2017. Anyone interested in joining them and/or who would like to get more information, please contact Fr. Mark at [mgatto@saintmatthew.ca](mailto:mgatto@saintmatthew.ca)

### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

The Sign-up for Christmas and New Year's Masses is available in the Narthex this weekend, November 26/27. Deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks in advance.

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