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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. ~ 12:00 Noon

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**Please note Mass time changes)

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 - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

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416-505-4354

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905-873-6455

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905-702-8001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 29 Advent 1	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 63.16b-17, 64.1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37) <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, November 30	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22) † Carlos Frencillo	
TUESDAY, December 1	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † Thomas McElroy	
WEDNESDAY, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37) † Theresa Scholz	
THURSDAY, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27) † Deceased members of the Borges family	
FRIDAY, December 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Mike Graziani † Kata Babic † John Paul Fraser † Ana Spudic (I) In thanksgiving for Grace received	
SATURDAY, December 5	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> George & Nina Busuttli; Nicola Varricchio; Frank Kolodziej; George Kelly; Helen Hasulo; Eldred Wynne; Maria DeSousa	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Nunzio Varricchio.

From the Pastor's Desk

Unbelievably, we begin Advent this weekend! It has been a crazy 2020, but here we are with this opportunity for a new beginning. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord at Christmas just a few weeks away. It's an opportunity to 'grow up' with Jesus, beginning anew, and giving ourselves an opportunity to leave the past behind and start again. Growth in Christ can start at anytime, but the Church gives us this very distinct season of Advent to help us along - to hear the prophecies of the coming Messiah from the prophets, to hear John the Baptist proclaiming His coming, and ultimately celebrating the Saviour's birth at Christmas. Let's use these next few weeks of Advent preparation to make 'the main thing the main thing' - to assure that Jesus is the centre of everything we do.

Have a good week everyone! – Fr. Dave

Christmas Masses – Registration Information

Due to capacity restrictions we are required this year to have you register to come to a Christmas Mass in order to control our numbers. We will ask you to register for your free ticket online for the Mass you wish to attend. You will then show that ticket (on your phone or a printout) to one of our ushers

to gain admission to the church at Christmas. We are sorry – but if you show up without a ticket at Christmas, you will be turned away at the door. **Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, Dec 5 at 10am.** Each email address will be allowed to register for 5 tickets. You will find registration information at www.holycrossrc.com/Christmas – thank you for understanding and for your cooperation!

Christmas Mass Registration (For those that don't have computers)

The process of registering will be easiest for both you and the parish if you register online, however we do recognize that there are some of our parishioners that do not use a computer. If this is your situation, ask someone to register for you. If that is still not possible, call the office sometime after December 5th and we will register for you manually.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times this year will be: Dec 24 – 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 12am; Dec 25 – 9am, 10:30am. As mentioned above, you will be required to register if you wish to come. If demand is high, we will look at adding more Christmas Masses. Christmas Mass will also be streamed online as we have been doing with our Sunday Masses, available for viewing at 5pm Christmas Eve.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

Advent is a traditional time for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. We would normally host an annual Penance Service, but due to gathering restrictions this year we will instead be adding more times to receive the Sacrament. Our regular times are Tues 6:00-6:30pm, and Sat 4:00-4:30pm. The extra times will be:

Sat, Dec 12 – 9:00am – 4:30pm (all day Confessions)

Fri, Dec 18 – 8:00am – 8:45am; 9:30am – 10:30am

Sat, Dec 19 – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tue, Dec 22 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please plan to receive the sacrament at one of these times. As we get closer to Christmas the priests get very busy, and it's not always possible to schedule a 'last minute' appointment for the Sacrament.

Toonies for Turkeys

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting 'Toonies for Turkey's' after all Masses this weekend and next. All proceeds will be donated to the Georgetown Breadbasket Food Bank to assist with providing food for those in need this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sunday Missals for 2021

Sunday Missals for Advent and Sundays of 2021 are available in the church for \$5 each. If you are not able to get to the church, you may contact the Knights of Columbus at fj.stpierre@sympatico.ca to arrange home delivery of your book.

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign - Update

We continue to prepare to officially launch the *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign in the parish. We have several projects identified for our church, and we look forward to presenting them to you and asking your help to make them a reality! It's been a tough time for many and we certainly recognize that – we just ask that you prayerfully consider helping us in anyway that you can. We will be contacting you by mail and phone in phases over the coming weeks and months to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or comments you are always welcome to reach out to Fr. Dave by phone or email.

One Heart, One Soul Capital Campaign – Volunteers Needed!

In order to assist with the Campaign, we require some help to make calls to fellow parishioners to answer any questions they may have. If you have time to make a few friendly phone calls to others in our parish family over the next few months, let Fr. Dave know by email at: dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone at 905-873-1887 ext. 6. Your assistance would be much appreciated!

Registration for Grade 7s Receiving Confirmation this Year

Registration is now open for reception of the sacraments of

Confirmation for this year's grade 7 students. For more information and to register your child to receive the sacrament this year, please enter your information at: www.holycrossrc.com/sacraments Please note you will need to upload your child's **baptismal certificate** in order to complete the registration if not baptized at Holy Cross. We look forward to celebrating this important sacrament with you this year!

Registration for Grade 2s Receiving 1st Reconciliation/ Communion this Year

Registration is now open for reception of the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion for this year's grade 2 students. For more information and to register your child to receive the sacraments this year, please enter your information at www.holycrossrc.com/sacraments Please note you will need to upload your child's **baptismal certificate** in order to complete the registration if not baptized at Holy Cross. We look forward to celebrating these important sacraments with your family this year!

Holy Cross HELPS

On December 5/6 there will be a special collection for Holy Cross HELPS. This collection allows HELPS to provide extra assistance to clients for Christmas. This weekend an envelope is attached to the bulletin for this special Christmas assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

Carmel of Saint Joseph Novena to Infant Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha ON NOB 2L0.

Halton Alive - Candy Canes for Life

Help spread good cheer through the Halton Alive Candy Canes for Life campaign! Throughout December we will distribute 5000 postcards with a positive, life-affirming message and candy canes in our communities including 3000 postcards to residents of long term care and retirement homes. Volunteers needed! Help assemble and distribute postcards. Sign up at www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers or contact Tawnya Stanus at 905-632-3232.

Catholic Youth Organization - Camp Brebeuf

Refreshing your ornaments and lights this year? CYO Camp Brebeuf is in need of gently used Christmas decorations for an upcoming event! Please call 519-856-4671, ext. 101 or email us: katie.moncrieffe@campbrebeuf.ca if you have anything you can donate.

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