



# 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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President  
(905) 877-7226

## Knights of Columbus

Leo Santaluce, Grand Knight  
(905) 877-7226

## Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389  
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## 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 30 <i>Advent 1</i>	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)	
MONDAY, December 1		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - All Members
TUESDAY, December 2	10:00 a.m.	Holy Cross School Mass - <u>at School</u> † Edward Lobo	
	11:00 a.m.		Fr. Robert Barron Session #5
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24) † Maria Grazia Antidormi	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room
WEDNESDAY December 3	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37) † Antonio Borges & Deceased Members of the Borges Family	
	10:00 a.m.	St. Francis School Mass - <u>at School</u> † Lisa Quinn	5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.		
	7:00 p.m.		Fr. Robert Barron Session #5
THURSDAY, December 4	9:40 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Christ the King School Masses - <u>at Ctk School</u> † Annunziata Monteleone † Martha Marie MacDonald	
FRIDAY, December 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Michele Graziani † Carmel Reddy † Joan, Bob & Debbie Jackson (I) Adoracion Cruz	
SATURDAY, December 6	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Second Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Albina Clarizio; George & Nina Busuttill; George Coyle; Dena Garnett; Doug Hartley; Joe Domingos; Coralie Gomes-Ferguson & Patricia Bilodeau; Rosina Tassone	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of George & Nina Busuttill.			

### HOLY MASS TIME CHANGES

Beginning this weekend, the first weekend of Advent and the start of a new church year, there will be a change in the times for Holy Mass. Weekend Masses will be Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and Noon.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Knights of Columbus and their spouses are invited to a *Christmas Dinner Get Together* on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Glencair Golf Club, 9807 Regional Road #25, Halton Hills. Tickets are \$35 each. Contact Jim Pickett at 289-891-8984 or Jim McDonald at 905-873-2519.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015

Boxed sets of 2015 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 7, 14, & 21. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2015 will be mailed in the coming days - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish - please contact the office.

### SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2015 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each.

## 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 Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our Parish Penance Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with several priests available for individual Confession.
- ▶ 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.

### Prayer Service for our Deceased Loved Ones at Jones Funeral Home

I will be joining Reverend Paul Ivany of Norval United Church in offering prayers for those who have died this past year. The Memorial Service will take place at Jones Funeral Home on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### 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 Masses during the Christmas Season.

### PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Our Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.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. There will be a reception in Cote Hall after the Mass. Plan to join us for this special Mass of remembrance.

### CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on November 29/30, and December 6/7 & 13/14. This is an annual fundraiser in support of Campaign Life Coalition's pro-life/respect life work to have no abortions allowed in Canada. Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass to assist you.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

We have booked Eagle Ridge Golf Club for Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Social. Our theme this year is "A Celtic Christmas." Tickets for \$40 each will be available after all Masses this weekend. Deadline for purchase of tickets is Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

*CWL Membership* - This weekend is our CWL Membership Drive at all Masses. We are always

looking for new members to join the Catholic Women's League. If you are not a member, please feel free to come to a meeting and check it out! Members will be available to answer questions at all the Masses during the membership drive. Membership dues can be paid during the membership drive and at the Christmas Social on December 4<sup>th</sup>. All members who pay their dues before December 5<sup>th</sup> will be entered into an "early bird" draw. The winner will receive their CWL membership free for the 2015 calendar year.

*Mini Bazaar* - After all Masses this Sunday the Catholic Women's League will be holding a Mini Bazaar, with a Bake Sale, a Book Sale and 50/50 Draw, and we will have Religious Christmas Cards for sale. Please join us in the parish hall.

### FATHER ROBERT BARRON SERIES

The Father Robert Barron series "*Priest, Prophet, King*" began the last week of October. This six-part series presents the Old Testament foreshadowing of each of Jesus' three offices as priest, prophet and king and describing how Jesus is the fulfillment of each as seen in the New Testament. We will offer the same sessions on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. OR on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Session 5 is on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> or Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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