



# 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. (Resumes October 20, 2013)

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

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

## Catholic Women's League

Mary Jo Jans, President  
(905) 873-4151

## Knights of Columbus

Peter McKenna, Grand Knight  
(905) 873-1785

## Prayer Network

Gladys (905) 877-6389  
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## Natural Family Planning

Joanne (905) 873-0262

## Halton Catholic District School Board

(905) 632-6300

## Mark Rowe, Trustee

rowem@hcdsb.org

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(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

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, November 24 Christ the King	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (2 Samuel 5.1-3; Colossians 1.12-20; Luke 23.35-43)	
MONDAY, November 25		No Mass	
	6:45 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members
TUESDAY, November 26	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	St. Catherine School Mass (Song of Songs 8.6-7; Matthew 25.1-13) † Emerine deSouza	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
WEDNESDAY, November 27	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Daily Mass (Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21.12-19) † John & Jeremiah deOliveira &(I) Rose & Eric deOliveira	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, November 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Daniel 6.11-28; Luke 21.20-28) † Marie MacDonald	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
	7:00 p.m.		RCIA - Sacred Heart Room
FRIDAY, November 29	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Daniel 7.1-14; Luke 21.29-33) † Ljubica Babic (I) Lisa Quinn (I) Barb Egan	
SATURDAY, November 30	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - First Sunday of Advent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Reg & Loretta Durdle; Debbie O'Toole; Theresia Samwald; Hermano Almeida; Umberto Palaia; Art Donovan	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Hugh & Annie MacLean & Tom & Ruth Ellard.			

### WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • November 10	\$ 7,578.00
Total number of regular envelopes — 431	
Average envelope donation — \$15.65	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 2,074.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 9,652.00</b>

### Holy Cross HELPS

HELPS (Helping ease local poverty and suffering) is a parish organization which assists those who need help with food expenses by providing food vouchers. Members of HELPS will be at the doors after all Masses today to accept your donations. If you are an envelope user, please mark your number on this envelope.

Holy Cross HELPS would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The October collection was \$1,643.00. In the past month we responded to 6 calls for food assistance. On behalf of those in need in our community, we pass on their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. To do so, please contact the parish office.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Social will be held on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at Eagle Ridge Golf Club. The theme of this year is "*An Evening with Frank Sinatra*". Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:15 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$40 each after all Masses this weekend. This weekend is also our Membership Drive Weekend. Get your tickets early as seating is limited. There will be reserved seating for 8 per table. *Get your tickets early and don't be disappointed as this is always a sold out event and a very enjoyable evening!* For information please contact Mary Jo at 905-873-4151 or Marie at 905-873-9480.

### **TODAY IS COFFEE SUNDAY**

Please join us in Cote Hall after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses today for Coffee Sunday. Religious Articles and Fair Trade Coffee will be on sale in the Narthex. There will be two stations for Blood Pressure Clinics, the Servery and the Sacred Heart Room.

### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL**

#### **Deacon Dave Walter**

We are blessed to have Deacon Dave Walter this weekend. Originally from Mary Immaculate Parish in Chepstow, he is in his final year of preparation for ordination to priesthood. Please pray for him, for the seminarian from our parish, Ian Saliba, and all those discerning a call to priesthood and consecrated life.

### **RCIA - Period of the Catechumenate**

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for those among us preparing for baptism at Easter: Roy Brock and Sarah MacDonald. We also offer a special blessing to those among us who have been baptized and are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church or to complete their initiation in the faith: Shelly Pontisso, Leanne Balogh, Christopher and Amber Jones. Please continue to welcome them and remember them in your prayers.

### **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 Saturday afternoon and throughout the day on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

> 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.

### **SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014**

Boxed sets of 2014 envelopes will be available for pick up on December 8, 15 & 22. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2014 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.

### **CHILI AND THEATRE FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School and then enjoy a Musical Evening in the CtK Theatre. The "**BLACK FAMILY**" will be there to entertain. They are a Musical Family with a "*Celtic Flare*." Two hundred tickets will be available for the Dinner and Theatre and 100 tickets for the Theatre only. Watch for more information to come through the Church Bulletin in the New Year. For information contact Marie at 905-873-9480 or Jane at 905-877-7226.

### **CALLING ALL YOUTH!**

Please join the youth of the parish as we visit "On the way to Bethlehem" in Milton. When? On Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Where? The walk takes place at the Country Heritage Park in Milton. Who? Youth in grades 7-12. How? We will depart from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Please email Barb at [bboulanger@live.ca](mailto:bboulanger@live.ca) by Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> if you are able to join us. More details to follow via email to those who sign up. Check out [www.onthewaytobethlehem.ca](http://www.onthewaytobethlehem.ca)

### **CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on November 30/December 1, December 7/8 and December 14/15. This is an annual fundraiser in support of Campaign Life Coalition's pro-life/respect life work to have no abortions allowed in Canada. The Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass to assist you.

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