



# 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.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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## 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 29 Advent 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Luke 21.25-28, 34-36)	
MONDAY, November 30		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
TUESDAY, December 1	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	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Mtg - Marian Room
WEDNESDAY December 2	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 25.6-10a; Matthew 15.29-37) † Elizabeth Power	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, December 3	9:40 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. <b>at CtK</b>	Daily Mass (Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21, 24-27) † Francesco Gulli † James Alexander Martens	
	7:00 p.m.		10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, December 4	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31) † Robert & Joan Jackson † Ligaya Abul † Susan Coombs	
	6:30 p.m.		CWL Christmas Social - Eagle Ridge
SATURDAY, December 5	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> George & Nina Busuttill; Keith Pollock; Ivan Vuksinic; Amelia Carreiro; Jean & Howard Robinson; Antonio Borges & Deceased Members of the Borges Family.	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in thanksgiving for the deOliveira Family.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Families planning to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day are invited to have their children participate in a pageant (there is no speaking involved). Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in Cote Hall.

### CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas Cakes will be sold at all Masses on November 28/29 and December 5/6 & 12/13. 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.

### SUNDAY (Novalis) MISSALS

2016 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your support in a Christmas fundraiser we are calling "*Toonies for Turkeys.*" We will be supporting our local food bank. This initiative will help the food bank to provide needy families in our community with a turkey for Christmas. All money raised will be donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket. We will be collecting money on the weekends of December 5/6 and 12/13. Thank you in advance for your support. For information please contact Michael at 647-206-4752.

### LUNCH TIME SUPERVISORS

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Elementary School is recruiting Lunch Time Supervisors. Lunch Time Supervisor is a paid position. We are looking to hire for a few openings. If you have a current criminal reference check and are interested in applying for this position please speak with the office staff or Amy Robinson, Vice Principal at the school at 905-702-8001.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank Dr. Kevin Kwan, a urologist from Halton Healthcare for a very informative evening this past Monday, sharing his knowledge and expertise on men's health including prostate cancer. The workshop was well attended with very positive feedback from all of the workshop participants.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Today is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the hall for refreshments and fellowship. We will have religious articles for sale as well as fair trade products. There will also be the monthly blood pressure clinic.

### BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE *DOOR OF MERCY*

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 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 5<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 lunch served in Cote Hall after the Mass. Please RSVP to Theresa Scholz for lunch.

### 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 5<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 Holy Masses during the Christmas Season.

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