

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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Established as a Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton in 1956

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 12 Noon  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m.  $\sim$  12 Noon

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Father K. Cull, Pastor
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Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary
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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

## Catholic Women's League

Jane Santaluce, President (905) 877-7226

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# Holy Cross Youth Group hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

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#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 22 Ordinary 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4.12-23)	
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	6:30 p.m.		9am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
TUESDAY, January 24	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 10.1-10; Mark 3.31-35) † Garfield Moxam	
	7:30 p.m.		KofC Executive Meeting - Cote Hall
WEDNESDAY January 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Acts 22.3-16; Mark 16.15-18) (I) the deSouza-Freeman Family	
	7:00 p.m.		5pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
THURSDAY, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (2 Timothy 1.1-8; Luke 10.1-9) បំ Mijo Draganjac	
	6:15 p.m.		Alpha Course - Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.		10:30am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia
FRIDAY, January 27	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Hebrews 10.32-39; Mark 4.26-34) † Marica Mejaski † Kamala Fernanado (I) Angela de Oliviera & Family	
	7:00 p.m.		Youth Group - Cote Hall
SATURDAY, January 28	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Third Fourth in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Hermano Almeida; Robert O'Gorman; Christiano Azerede; Francesco Vallecocchia; Normanda Pimentel; Artur Raposo; Sebastian Aguiar.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Maria do Carmelo Pavao.

#### MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

Alpha begins this Thursday . . . The first session of the Alpha program begins this Thursday. I am grateful to the many parishioners who have offered their help and support, especially Gerry Byrne who has taken the lead with all the preparation. As I mentioned in the homily a few weeks ago, the success of the program depends upon you as parishioners extending invitations to people who do not have a relationship with Christ and are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives. I am confident that those who join us will be welcomed with open arms and loving hearts. Please pray that God will bless our efforts as a parish family to reach out to those whom the Lord desires to reach and embrace.

#### **ALPHA - REGISTRATION**

The Alpha course begins at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! We are still accepting 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, coworker or friend would benefit from this course, please inform them about Alpha and provide them with the URL below. Each Alpha session begins with a meal, followed by a 30-minute video and then small group discussions. The discussions are an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas in a loving, accepting and nonjudgmental atmosphere. 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: <a href="https://goo.gl/YkPZ7R">https://goo.gl/YkPZ7R</a> or visit the parish website at <a href="www.holycrossrc.com">www.holycrossrc.com</a> For people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, plans are in place to introduce a similar program next year.

#### **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

The Parish Office will be mailing 2016 Income Tax receipts for donations received in the past year. Envelope users and those who support the parish through Pre-Authorized Debits, as well as directed donations received through 2016 will receive a receipt. Those who wish to support the parish through Sunday offering envelopes or through pre-authorized debits are invited to contact the parish office. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of the parish.

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS UPCOMING EVENTS**

Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive - Our Parish Nurse and the Health and Wellness Committee with the support from other groups in our parish will be holding a "Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive" this weekend for the needy in our community. If you or someone you know wish to receive any of these free items please pick them up from the Sacred Heart Room after any of the Masses. On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> all remaining items will be distributed to Food For Life food bank - located at St. John's United Church Georgetown; Regeneration Outreach Community, Brampton - serving homeless and near homeless (in 2016 51,000 meals were served); and Welcome In Drop-in Centre in Guelph.

February 8<sup>th</sup> presentation "What's New In Men's Health" by Urologist Dr. Kevin Kwan - From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Cote Hall. Admission is free, refreshments available. This is an evening of information on prostate health for adult men, but women (wives, mothers) are most welcome.

#### HALTON ALIVE FILM NIGHT

Join Halton Alive in viewing *The Euthanasia Deception*. Learn more about this very important issue that is affecting Canadians. Kevin Dunn, producer and director of the film will do a short presentation and question period after the 54 minute film. Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakville Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door, popcorn and drinks are included. RSVP to reserve your seat at <a href="https://www.haltonalive.com/film-nights">www.haltonalive.com/film-nights</a> or call the office at 905-632-3232.

#### **EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING**

Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall - a light lunch will be provided.

#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On behalf of the Youth Ministry Team, we wish all the youth in the parish many blessings and best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy 2017. We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year with family and friends. Our first event for 2017 will be Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in Cote Hall from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The theme of the night will be Social Justice/Outreach. We will start off by sharing with you a letter and pictures sent from a representative of the Canadian Armed Forces in response to our letter writing campaign this past October. Afterwards, we will have a discussion about what you, the youth, would like to do for a social justice event. New members may join the youth group at this time. If you are in grades 7, 8 or high school, you are most welcome to attend. For more information on the youth group, please do not hesitate to contact us at hcgeorgetownyouth@gmail.com

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

*Chili & Games Night* . . . Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Cote Hall. We will be serving Chili, hotdogs and dessert. Tickets will be on sale starting in February.

*March Break Family Skate* . . . Plan to join us on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. at MoldMasters Arena. Sign up will begin at the end of February. Watch for details to follow.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. . . Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge. We will travel by coach bus to the theatre. Tickets are \$65 per person and will be available this weekend or by contacting the parish office. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m.

#### **GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL & SICK VISITS**

Father Cull and our hospital visitors make regular visits to the sick in the Georgetown Hospital. Kindly be sure to identify yourself as a Catholic so that your name can be given to us when we visit. Please note that the *Sacrament of the Sick* can be received at <u>any time</u> of serious illness or before surgery. If you, or a family member, are homebound due to illness please inform the parish office. Arrangements can be made for the reception of Holy Communion, home visits and the assistance of our parish nurse.

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