

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 David Wynen, Pastor Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Secretary Mr. Robert Ramage, Maintenance Mrs. Barbara Boulanger, Sacramental Assistant

Mrs. Theresa Scholz, Parish Nurse

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST (Saturday) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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 David Wynen or visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.vocationinfo.ca

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 Cecile (905) 873-4055

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, September 23 Ordinary 25	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Wis 2.12, 17-20; James 3.16-4.3; Mark 9.30-37)	
MONDAY, September 24		No Mass	
	6:30 p.m.		9 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal - <u>All Members</u>
TUESDAY, September 25	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Prov 21.1-6, 10-13; Luke 8.19-21) † Cynthia Tobin	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour with Benediction (Church)	
	7:30 p.m.		K of C Executive Mtg. (St. Joseph Room)
WEDNESDAY, September 26 Canadian Martyrs	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Revelation 7.9-17; Luke 9.23-26) † Jeff Dunlop	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Mass Choir Rehearsal (CANCELLED)
	7:30 p.m.		Liturgy Committee (Sacred Heart Room)
THURSDAY, September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul, priest	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ecclesiastes 1.2-11; Luke 9.7-9) ∜ Valerie Koscak (I) Gilda Brown	
	7:00 p.m.		11 am Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room)
	7:30 p.m.		Catholicism 101 (Cote Hall)
FRIDAY, September 28	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (Ecclesiastes 3.1-11; Luke 9.18-22) † Helen Lakusta † Thomas Gravelle (I) Elda Marcocchio	
	9:45 a.m.		Health Committee (Sacred Heart Room)
SATURDAY September 29 Saints Michael, Raphael & Gabriel, Archangels	4 - 4:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Helen Hastings; Fedele Archie Munro; Maria Felicia de Castro (I) Marie Boulanger & Marc & Jake (I) Carlos & Eduarda Domingos	

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Frank Gillis & Deceased Members of the Gillis Family.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • September 9 \$ 8,802.00

Total number of regular envelopes — 428 Average envelope donation — \$18.51

New Church Building Fund \$ 2,838.00 TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 11,640.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community.

LIFE-CHAIN OBSERVANCE IN GEORGETOWN

Join us on *Sunday, September* 30th from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the corner of Maple Avenue & Guelph Street for the silent Life-Chain witness. Other Halton locations include - Fairview & Maple (Burlington); Main Street & Ontario Street (Milton); and in Oakville at Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Dave and Father Mark Gatto are leading a pilgrimage to *Assisi, Florence, and Rome* - May 5th through May 16th, 2013. This guided pilgrimage includes excellent accommodations, meals, transfers and admissions into various sites. It is being organized to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Saint Matthew Parish, Oakville. Interested parishioners of Holy Cross are most welcome to join the pilgrimage. Information brochures are available at the parish office or from Father Dave.

HOLY CROSS HELPS

The monthly Holy Cross HELPS collection will be taken at the doors of the church next Sunday. If you wish a receipt for Income Tax purposes, kindly use a cheque (payable to "Holy Cross Parish") or mark your name & address on a plain envelope.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012



FROM BISHOP CROSBY

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ in the Hamilton Diocese,

Sunday, October 7 is designated Respect Life Sunday, a day set aside to reflect on the value of life. We are created in the image and likeness of God, making every human life sacred. In

Canada, although we are capable of providing a safe environment for all, there are many direct threats to vulnerable people; in particular the unborn, the poor, the sick, the elderly and the mentally and physically challenged. As Catholics who see every person as a child of God, we desire a society that recognizes the inherent dignity of each person.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of this fact: "It is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (CCC, #1913 - 1915).

Today we face significant threats to the protection of various groups in our society. With no law regulating abortion, women can seek this procedure any time prior to the natural birth of a child, yet little is provided in the way of real alternatives. Euthanasia continues to be presented as a solution to the gravely ill and others who are vulnerable, while palliative care, with all its proven advantages in compassionate care, is inadequately promoted. As Catholics we are called to work toward improving these realities.

Many groups and individuals have responded to this call and work diligently to promote and enhance the inherent dignity of all persons. The many pro-life organizations in our Diocese, as well other groups such as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League, devote much time, energy and financial support in building a culture of life. They engage in remarkable caring and compassionate works. We all have a role to play in building a culture of life and love, and we believe that God is always with us as we work towards this end.

People contribute in a variety of ways: some may offer direct support to those challenged with one of the life issues, others may educate about pro-life matters, and still others may lobby the government to create laws that reflect the value of life. These *labourers of life* are wonderful models, both by their action and example. We can assist them in their work by direct personal involvement, financial support, or prayer - all very much needed.

Once again this year I am pleased to endorse the upcoming pro-life events in the Diocese. You may choose to join thousands across Canada for the National Life Chain Sunday , September 30th between 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. This is a chance to stand with others in silence, prayer and solidarity for life. Contact your local Right to Life organization for more information about how and where you can stand for life in your community.

Another opportunity comes with the 40 Days for Life campaign which is offered in several locations across the Diocese. This is a chance to offer prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to draw attention to the value of each life. You can find out more about the various 40 Days campaigns by searching 40 Days for Life on the internet.

Please find some way to be a *labourer for life*, promoting the Culture of Life in our Diocese. God, the source of all life provides the grace for our endeavors and rewards our efforts. As God's stewards, we shine a light of hope when we proclaim that life is sacred.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton

DAILY MASS

Join us for Daily Mass this week at 9:00 a.m. (schedule above).

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

Parents of children in Grade 2 (1st Communion) or Grade 7/8 (Confirmation) can register for the Sacraments now by visiting our parish website www.holycrossrc.com and follow the appropriate link. The registration deadline for Confirmation (Grade 7 & 8) is September 26th; for 1st Communion (Grade 2) is October 31st. Don't delay ... you'll want to have your first choice of dates.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents of children enrolled in <u>Public</u> or <u>Private</u> schools are invited to enroll them in our parish's religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child's reception of the Sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7 or 8) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office. Parents of children in Grade 2 or Grade 7/8 should refer to the additional information regarding the Sacraments (above).

PARISH LOTTERY

Our parish lottery (in support of Holy Cross HELPS, the work of CWL, and our Parish Building Fund) will be held at the *Fall Fiesta* on Saturday, October 13. Tickets are available for sale at \$25.00 each or a book for \$100. There are four generous cash prizes. Please buy your ticket or sell some tickets in support of the lottery. If you have outstanding tickets and/or proceeds please return to the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins this Sunday at the <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Mass - open to children in JK, SK, Grade 1 and 2.

FALL FIESTA & CHILI & GAMES NIGHT

Saturday, October 13th - Fall Fiesta 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Games Night 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The following is an outline of the tables that will need assistance, both with donations of goods and hands on help, before and during Fiesta day. The table convener's names are listed for your convenience to arrange for delivery of donations for to volunteer. <u>BOOKS</u> - Greta Spalding-Martin 905-877-7812; <u>BAKE TABLE</u> - Mary Blackmore 905-873-9588; <u>TOONIE TABLE</u> - Marg Palmer 905-877-9445 & Wynn Ingham 905-877-7246; <u>SILENT AUCTION</u> - Linda Smith 905-702-1144; <u>CRAFT TABLE</u> - Marg Wilcox 905-877-9148; <u>FACE PAINTING</u> - Patti Birk 905-702-9176; <u>EXPRESS CAFÉ</u> - Trudy Edwards 905-877-7938; <u>RAFFLES & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u> - Marie Simpson 905-873-9480; <u>LOTTERY</u> - Eileen Anderson 905-873-1887 and Marie Simpson 905-873-9480; and <u>CHILI & GAMES NIGHT</u> - Jane Santaluce 905-877-7226. We need everyone on board for this day to be a success!

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