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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)	
MONDAY, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Deceased Members of the DeMelo & Vieira Families	
Tuesday, January 7	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † John Cole	
	600 - 630 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Wednesday, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Rob & Chris Fines	
THURSDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mike Smith	
FRIDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Holy Souls (I) Jim Clarke (I) Jennifer Cauchi (I) Zorina Fisher	
SATURDAY, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Maria Araujo	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Baptism of the Lord Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful: Mary Stone; Luis Botelho; Maria McCarron; Leonardo Opina & Wilma Buligan; James Mclay; Peter Glynn.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Maria Tuggle & Gerhard Schinko.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Feast of the Epiphany which we celebrate this Sunday reminds us of the light that guides us, just as the star led the wise men to Jesus. It is a celebration of God's love revealed to all people, bringing hope and unity to the world. May this day inspire us to seek the divine in our lives and share the gifts of kindness, joy, and peace with one another as we begin a new year!

Quote of the Week

"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light." — St. John XXIII

Sunday Smile

What did the third wiseman say after the first and second left gifts of gold and frankincense? "Wait! There's myrrh!"

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS!

Unfortunately, I likely won't have time to write individual thank you cards, so I just wanted to offer a heart-felt thank you here in the bulletin to everyone that dropped off Christmas cards and gifts for myself and the staff at Holy Cross. It was not expected, but all very much appreciated! May God bless everyone in this new year! - Fr. Dave

THANK YOU!

As always, a big 'thank you' goes out to all of those who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. I won't list the ministries or names at risk of missing somebody, but know how much the efforts of all our volunteers are so much appreciated! It takes many hands to keep the parish running smoothly throughout the year, and for all your help and for the many hours of volunteer service, we are eternally grateful! Merry Christmas! Fr. Dave

<u>Successful</u> "Toonies for Turkeys Campaign" for the Georgetown Food Basket Jan5

Once again, Holy Cross Parish has demonstrated its commitment to being at the heart of our community. Over two Advent weekends in December, we raised an incredible \$2,500 for the Georgetown Bread Basket. Our Knights of Columbus council will be adding to this amount, presenting a cheque for \$3,000 this week on behalf of Holy Cross Parish.

Have You Moved Recently?

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers in the past few months, kindly let us know at the parish office so we can update our records.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025

Boxed sets of 2025 envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *preauthorized giving* forms for 2025 are available in the Narthex - please return them promptly (*by Friday, January 10th to meet the January 15th donation*). If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

Catholic Moms Group

Moms of Holy Cross Parish are invited to our new Catholic Mom's Group on **Saturday, January 11**th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We will be meeting <u>2nd and 4th Saturday mornings</u> for a time of fellowship, formation, and fun. You can join anytime and participate according to your family's busy schedule. Just let us know if you want to be part of this group by emailing momsgroupHC@gmail.com or contacting the parish office. Hope to see you there!

Men's Prayer Group - Sat, Jan 11th at 7:30am

The Men's Prayer Group at Holy Cross Parish this fall! The next meeting will be at 7:30am on Sat, Jan 11 ending with Mass at 9:00am. It will be a time of prayer, faith formation and fraternity for men of the parish, 18 years of age or older. We will be using the Cor program developed by the Knights of Columbus (although please note that you don't need to be a Knight to participate!). All men are welcome, but if you plan to attend, please email Fr. Carlos at cdiaz@hamiltondiocese.com so we can plan to have enough refreshments for the morning!

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Consider Donating Blood

Every day, healthcare providers need blood and blood products to care for patients undergoing surgery or cancer treatments and following traumas such as motor vehicle accidents. Patients continue to depend on these lifesaving donations. In Canada, 52% of people say they have, or a family member has, needed blood or blood products at some point in their lives. It takes many donors to save a patient's life. For example, it takes up to: 5 donors to save someone who needs heart surgery; 50 donors to help save just 1 person seriously hurt in a car crash; and 8 donors a week to help someone going through treatment for leukemia. For more information or to book an appointment to donate, visit www.blood.ca/en

Health and Wellness Committee Invitation

The Health and Wellness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am at Holy Cross Parish. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Linda Motz at linda.m.motz@gmail.com

Sunday (Novalis) Missals

2025 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. Your 2024 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

Hospital Stays

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is sometimes confusion over what the Sacrament of the Sick is. Anyone experiencing serious illness may receive the sacrament, not just those who are close to death. In fact, it is preferable to receive the sacrament early in an illness when the person in ill health can benefit from the healing graces available as they battle their sickness. It is also the case that one can receive the Sacrament more than once during a time of serious illness, so there is no need to wait until the 'last minute' to call the priest. 'Last Rites', as the sacrament is often referred to, is actually the receiving of three sacraments if the person is able – Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Communion. If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a serious illness, contact the office to set up a time to receive the sacrament. If it is a hospital emergency (at any hospital, not just Georgetown), the nurses will have the contact information of local on-call priests which you can request.

Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples struggling in their relationship. The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live with disappointment and pain in their marriage. The Retrouvaille weekend provides a safe setting where couples learn to communicate in a respectful manner. It helps couples rebuild their marriage and restore a loving relationship. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain and rediscover each other in a new positive way. The next weekend programs will be held in Mississauga on January 17 - 19 in English and January 24-26 in Spanish. Please call 437-234-5610 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com for more information.

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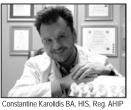
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