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**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Fr. Roselle Cyrille R. Azares, Pastor*

*Deacon Albert Dacanay*

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

**Morning Prayer:**

Tuesday thru Friday 8:00 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 am  
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other time by appointment only

**First Fridays:**

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Baptism:**

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

**Marriage:**

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:**

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly - for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

**New Parishioners:**

Welcome! Please ask for a registration form in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office.

**Holy Cross School**

299A Donlands Avenue  
Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Mr. Joseph Schnurr

**Phone:** (416) 393-5242

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Ruel & Florentina Tobias†  
Requested by Remy Simbulan

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Teresita Diamante†  
Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Perlita Liguiz†  
Requested by Janet Acosta  
**7:00 pm** – Holy Cross School Mass

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Fr. Charles Anang - Intentions  
Requested by Therese De Manche

**9:00 – 10:00 am - Confessions**

**6:00 – 7:00 pm – Confessions**

**7:00 pm** – Mariam Pillai†  
Requested by Vykunthanathan Family

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00 am** – Jean Geekie†  
Requested by Geekie Family

**5:00 pm** – Deceased Members of Pjetri Family  
Requested by Tish Pjetri

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:30 am** – All Parishioners

**11:00 am** – Primitivo & Erlinda Acosta†  
Requested by Acosta Family

**7:00 pm** – Lorna Beltran & Family – Thanksgiving



**Altar Servers Schedule  
December 9<sup>th</sup>/December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	Ruel Gutierrez	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon	Mary Joyce Gutierrez
<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	Giselle Tilos	Emma Djedjet	Jann Ybarola	Matthew Winnie
<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

**RCIA**



This year our parish will welcome 3 candidates during the Rite of Acceptance which will take place at the 11 am mass on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please welcome the candidates and more importantly, pray for them as they continue on their journey towards being received into the Catholic Church at Easter



Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, a Day of Confession for **Advent 2017** will be held. The Schedule for Holy Cross will be on **December 8th, Friday**, from 9:00 am – 10:00 & 6:00 pm to 7:00pm.



**Collections: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Offertory: \$ 2,494.71**

**Shepherds' Trust: \$4, 974.00**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

*Upcoming Events*

**Mondays, December 4, 11, 18, 25...**

**Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30pm - 9:30pm** -in the Church Hall

**Sunday, December 17, 2017** - First Reconciliation & First Communion Family Gathering Sessions # 3 at 10:15 am in the Church Hall

**Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00 – 10:00am and 6:00 -7:00pm Day of Confessions - Advent 2017**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** SSVP Gift Wrapping 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Church Hall

**Saturday/ Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection

**Saturday, December 16, 2017** – Choirs' Christmas Party at the Church Hall



**December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**



Our St. Vincent de Paul members will gather in our church basement to wrap the children's toys, cookies and chocolates that you have so generously donated in the 2017 Christmas toy and gift drive. **If any of you would like to lend a hand with the wrapping, the Vincentians would welcome your help.** They'll be in our church basement from 9 a.m. until noon. Feel free to drop in at any time. They would love to have you join them....and who knows? You may want to join the St. Vincent de Paul team on a year-round basis!

**December 16/17, 2017**

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection** will be held the weekend of **December 16/17, 2017**. This special collection funds the work of our SSVP conference Christmas hamper program. Please place your SSVP Special Christmas Collection envelopes in the collection basket. On behalf of the needy in our parish, we thank you for your generosity.

**Excerpts from Pope Francis' Message "Advent calls us to enlarge our horizons"**

Pope Francis pointed out three visits of the Lord: ***"the first, in the past, with the Incarnation, and Birth of Jesus at Christmas; the second, in the present, as Jesus visits us continually, every day; and the final visit, in the future, when Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."***

Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. The Gospel, the Pope said, ***is not trying to frighten us, but "to open our horizons" to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences.***

This perspective is also an invitation to ***"sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world"*** but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, the Pope said, ***Advent is "an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart."***

During Advent, Pope Francis concluded, ***"we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine."*** (Vatican radio 2016)



**Pre – Authorized Giving**

The work of Holy Cross Church is made possible through the giving hearts of parishioners like you. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, **Holy Cross Church is proposing that you kindly consider the Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) to assist you in your giving.**

**Advantages for you:**

- It's convenient. You don't have to scramble to find a pen and fill out an envelope on the way to Mass.
- You know that even when you are away, you are supporting your parish.

**Advantages for the Parish:**

- Imagine if you went to work every day and did not know how much you would receive when you got your cheque. It would make planning your life very difficult. It's the same for your Parish. **PAG** gives your parish a stable flow of income from which we can plan.

**How to sign up for PAG:**

- Decide the amount of your gift to Holy Cross Church to be withdrawn from your account each month. This does not include any money for special collections
- Fill out the PAG form and attach a cheque from your account marked "void".
- Put the form and void cheque in a sealed envelope, and place it in the collection basket or mail it to Holy Cross Church, 291 Cosburn Ave, Toronto ON M4J 2M4. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support our bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.**



Let us pray for **Fr. John Kiesling**, a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement who served Holy Cross Church from 1996 - 1998. He passed away on November 23, 2017. The funeral Mass was held in Graymoor, Garrison, New York on Dec. 2, 2017

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