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

Fr. Roselle Cyrille R. Azares, Pastor

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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
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Principal: Mr. Joseph Schnurr

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 12th:

8:15 am – For Peace in the World
Requested by Incoronata

Wednesday, December 13th:

8:15 am – Felicidad Vida†
Requested by Amelia Sadiwa

Thursday, December 14th:

8:15 am – Patricia Mandzy†
Requested by Dipasupil Family

Friday, December 15th:

8:15 am – Winklet Muirhead†
Requested by Nenita Cabahug

Saturday, December 16th:

9:00 am – Anthony Pillai†
Requested by Vykunthanathan Family

5:00 pm – Draya & Dennison Ducusin - Thanksgiving
Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

Sunday, December 17th:

9:30 am – All Parishioners

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

7:00 pm – Beth Valdellon†
Requested by Lloyd & Bibi Berger



Collections: December 3rd, 2017
Offertory: \$ 3,018.05

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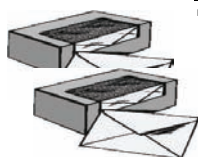
Upcoming Events

Mondays, December 11, 18, 25...Jan. 1, 8, 15...
Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30pm - 9:30pm - in the Church Hall

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

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

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



The 2018 Parish Envelopes are ready for pickup. If you are not able to find your envelope box or the address information is incorrect, please contact the parish office (416-421-5225). Please **do not** use envelopes from previous years.



Altar Servers Schedule December 16th/December 17th, 2017

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
Sunday 9:30 am	Mary Joyce Gutierrez	Ruel Gutierrez	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon
Sunday 11:00 am	Catherine Dipasupil	Andre Flores	Martina Flores	Emma Djedjet
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten



Christmas & New Year's Schedule

23rd December - Saturday (Vigil Mass)

✚ 5:00 pm

24th December - Sunday Mass

✚ 9:30 am
✚ 11:00 am



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Christmas Eve **MASSES**

✚ 7:00 pm
✚ 11:00 pm

25th December - Monday, Christmas Day

✚ 9:30 am and 11:00 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

30th December, Saturday (Vigil Mass)

✚ 5:00 pm

31st December, 2017- Sunday Mass

✚ 9:30 am and 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

✚ 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

1st January, 2018

✚ 9:30 am and 11:00 am





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 at St. Peters' Square

Pope Francis said, *"the watchful person is one who, in the noise of the world, does not let themselves be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with a concern above all for others."*

Advent is a time given to us *"to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to verify our desire for God, to look ahead and prepare ourselves for the return of Christ."*

Christ will return again at Christmas, when we remember how he came to us *"in the humility of the human condition."* However, Christ also comes to each of us *"every time we are disposed to receive him."* *"Because of this, we must always be watchful and attentive to the Lord with the hope of meeting him."*

"The person who is vigilant and alert is the one who welcomes the invitation to watch, that is, not to let themselves be overwhelmed by the sleep of discouragement, the lack of hope, or by delusions." At the same time, this person also rejects *"the solicitation of the vanities of which the world overflows and behind which, at times, personal and familiar serenity are sacrificed."*

So to be watchful and alert, then, *"are the presuppositions"* to stop wandering on paths that are far from God, *"lost in our sins and in our infidelity."*

"They are the conditions that allow God to interrupt our existence, to restore meaning to it and to value his presence, full of goodness and tenderness," he said, and closed his address praying that Mary, the model and icon of vigilant expectation, would guide us to an encounter with her son Jesus, *"reviving our love for him."* (Vatican Radio, December 3, 2017)

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- 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.

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