



H O L Y C R O S S
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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

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Principal: Mr. Joseph Schnurr

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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)**

31st December, 2017

✚ 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

1st January, 2018

✚ 9:30 am and 11:00 am



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.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 19th:

8:15 am – Lilly Mariam Pillai†
Requested by Vykunthanathan Family

Wednesday, December 20th:

8:15 am – Kim Geekie - Thanksgiving
Requested by Geekie Family

Thursday, December 21st:

8:15 am – Teresita Que - Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudette Wilson

Friday, December 22nd:

8:15 am – Teresita Que - Thanksgiving
Requested by Minda Que

Saturday, December 23rd:

9:00 am – Teresita & Minda Que - Thanksgiving
Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

5:00 pm – Lena Pillai†

Requested by Vykunthanathan Family

Sunday, December 24th:

9:30 am – Lorenzo Cruz†
Requested by Len & Myrna Tapawan

11:00 am – Primitivo & Erlinda Acosta†

Requested by Acosta Family

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass

11:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass



Collections: December 10th, 2017

Offertory: \$ 2985.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Altar Servers Schedule

December 23rd/December 24th, 2017

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
Sunday 9:30 am	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon	Maryrose Sabio	Cheraldine Carandang
Sunday 11:00 am	Catherine Dipasupil	Winnie Payne	Christine Dipasupil	Emma Jann
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

Special Prayers for Parishioners

If you know of someone who is seriously ill, or someone who has recently deceased, please contact the office and the person or persons can be prayed for in the weekend Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful.



**Living ADVENT with
Hope, Peace, Love
and Joy
Awaiting Christmas....**

Pope Francis: *"Christmas is for forgiveness"*



"In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib."

"... If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything."

**EXCERPTS FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI'S
SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS SERIES: "CHRISTMAS"**

"Preparation"

Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence. The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death; and on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in his friendship and his life. Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery.

"Sign"

God's sign is his humility. God's sign is that he makes himself small; he becomes a child; he lets us touch him and he asks for our love. How we would prefer a different sign, an imposing, irresistible sign of God's power and greatness! But his sign summons us to faith and love, and thus it gives us hope: this is what God is like. He has power, he is Goodness itself. He invites us to become like him. Yes indeed, we become like God if we allow ourselves to be shaped by this sign; if we ourselves learn humility and hence true greatness; if we renounce violence and use only the weapons of truth and love.

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- 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.

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