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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:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Jackie Saeed - Health  
Requested by Mary Anne Piazza

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Linda Y. Cuan – Intentions  
Requested by Therese De Manche

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Olive Ortiz†

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**8:15 am** – Tirzah Celestine - Thanksgiving  
Requested by Cecelia Celestine

**7:00 pm** – Romana & Arnel Diona†

Requested by Grace Diona

**7:30 pm** – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00 am** – Siony Libatique - Thanksgiving  
Requested by Siony Libatique

**5:00 pm** – Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin†

Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:30 am** – Tony Prudenciano – Thanksgiving  
Requested by Ching Prudenciano

**11:00 am** – Jeffrey Johnson†

Requested by Geekie Family

**7:00 pm** – All Parishioners



**Altar Servers Schedule  
February 24<sup>th</sup>/February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon	Maryrose Sabio	Cheraldine Carandang
<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	Catherine Dipasupil	Christine Dipasupil	Jared & Jann Ybarola	Giselle Tilos
<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten



**Holy Cross  
Lenten Recollection  
2018**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Topic 1: 40 Days: Its Spiritual Challenges for Lent

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

Topic 2: Keeping the Faith: 3 Pillars of Lent

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Topic 3: Conversion: Falling from our Horses  
(*c.f. St. Paul's Conversion – Acts 9: 1-19*)

Presented by Fr. Bobby Cena

All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am



**Collections**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> - Offertory: \$2,997.65**

*Thank you for your continued support*

**Upcoming Events**

**Mondays, Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

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

**Sunday, February 25 & March 25, 2018** –

First Communion Family Gathering Sessions #4 and #5 – 10:15 am at the Church Hall

**Lenten Season - All Fridays:**

**7:00pm - Mass & 7:30pm Stations of the Cross**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday-** 6:00pm Benediction, 6:30

Mass, 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

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**C W L Activities**

Thanks to everyone for your help! **WE HAD A GREAT PANCAKE DAY!** A big thank you to **Kim de Sousa** for the beautiful mosaic poster of our parishioners: enjoying while helping at our annual pancake breakfast.

**RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: Tracy Joseph

2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: Amy Sadiwa

We are supporting the **"Good Shepherd Ministry"** this year. We are collecting items for them such as: new underwear, socks, toiletries, soap, shampoo, lotions, etc...

*The coins for life boxes will be handed out soon. Please be generous!*



## RCIA Update

His Excellency, Most Reverend Robert Kasun, Bishop of Toronto will welcome our own Holy Cross Church catechumens, along with many others from the churches in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto, at the Rite of Election at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, February 25th, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their sponsors, as they all continue on their faith journey during Lent, especially during the upcoming Rite of Election and Scrutinies .

### **Canada Summer Jobs Program Be Informed & Reach Out to Your MP**

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit [www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs](http://www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs) for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

### Come and See Weekend

**Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary:**



Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### **Sign-Up Sundays! February 24/25 & March 3/4. We Need Your Help!**

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the **Call for Conscience**, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

### **Lenten Family Prayer**

**Lord God, Father of all, We, your children, are all members of the same human family, your family. We implore you to help us to accept your peace, To be at peace with ourselves and to live in peace with others. Help us to seek wisdom and justice in all we do. Help us to be more understanding and compassionate when dealing with others, To be ready to forgive when wronged, To be willing to love when hurt and To strive for harmony and peace when threatened. Eternal Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer And grant us your everlasting peace. Amen.**

### Lent calls us to three actions:



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