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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

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

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Tuesday, March 20th:

8:15 am — Lolita Bayon - Thanksgiving
Requested by Severina Mamaril & Family

Wednesday, March 21st:

8:15 am – Lolita Bayon - Thanksgiving
Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

Thursday, March 22nd:

8:15 am – Mercedes Olase†
Requested by Fe & Vinda Olase

Friday, March 23rd:

8:15 am –Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Sorrows
Requested by Incoronata Ambrosini
7:00 pm – For Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Ostojic Family
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24th:

9:00 am –Reynaldo Mejilla†
Requested by Mercy Mejilla

5:00 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, March 25th:

9:30 am –Lucena & Juan Beltijar†
Requested by Gene & Vivian Beltijar
11:00 am – Alisha D’Souza - Thanksgiving
Requested by D’ Souza Family
7:00 pm –Ireneo Cuartero†
Requested by Lorna Beltran & Family



“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins.



Lenten Season

All Fridays: 7:00pm - Mass
7:30pm - Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday, March 24th: 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 25th: 9:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 27th:

8:15 am - Mass

Wednesday, March 28th:

8:15 am - Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29th:

NO 8:15 am - Mass
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30th: (Fasting and abstinence)

NO 8:15 am Mass
3:00 pm – Passion of the Lord’s Liturgy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st:

NO 9:00 am & 5:00 pm Masses
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1st:

9:30 am and 11:00 am Mass (**NO** 7:00pm Mass)



Collections

March 11th - Offertory: 2,327.25

Thank you for your continued support

Upcoming Events

Mondays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30...

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

Saturday, Sunday – March 17 & 18 – in the Church Hall – Religious Items from Holy Land on sale

Friday, March 23, Lenten Day of Confessions at 9:00 am – 10:00 am & 6:00 pm – 7:00pm

Friday, March 23, “Soup Night” after Stations of the Cross in the Church Hall

Sunday, March 25, 2018 – First Communion
Family Gathering Session #5 – 10:15 am in the Church Hall

Sunday, April 8, 2018 – Session #1 – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 12:15 pm

Tuesdays, April 10 –May 8, 2018 – “Know Your Faith Series”, 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Church Hall

Miracle Workers

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous* (Matthew 5: 43-45).

Greek language has four words for love. The love we have for friends is *philia*; it connotes friendship and like-mindedness. The love called *eros* is passionate love. The love of parents for their children or the word for family relationships generally is *storge*. It would be impossible to love one's enemy with any of these three kinds of love.

That leaves **agape**, a distinctive word in the New Testament. It can be described as invincible goodwill, unconditional and unmerited. It is the kind of love with which Jesus loved people. Though Jesus often showed warm feeling, this kind of love is not specifically a feeling. It takes its strength from the will. This is the kind of love with which we are to love our enemies. It is not a response to goodness in them. It is God's kind of love, visible in Christ.

Agape is possible only by God's grace. This kind of love is a gift from God, a gift we have to ask for. We are told by Jesus on how to ask for it: we are to ask for this kind of love not in the abstract or as a spiritual ornament for ourselves, but by praying for our enemies. It is difficult to hate someone after we have prayed for that person. Every time we pray, our hatred becomes less.

It is the most-godly work in the world, and, for some, it may be the only credible evidence for the existence of God – a concrete proof that miracles do happen today. St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, said: *what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners* (Romans 5:8).

Fr. Roselle



Altar Servers Schedule March 24th/March 25th, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
Sunday 9:30 am	Mary Joyce Gutierrez	Sean Quinagon	Maryrose Sabio	Cheraldine Carandang Giann
Sunday 11:00 am	Catherine Dipasupil	Christine Dipasupil	Matthew Guzman	Nobel Wilson
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten



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SSVP Food Drive



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is holding a Lenten Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of: canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, canned spaghetti sauce, pasta and breakfast cereals.



Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.



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