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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:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

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

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Mass Intentions**

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Oct 9	Tues	8:15 am	Remy Simbulan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Claudette Wilson
Oct 10	Wed	8:15 am	Ernest & Claire Siegel – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Claire Siegel
Oct 11	Thurs	8:15 am	Leonila Andrade†	Andrade Family
Oct 12	Fri	8:15 am	Florence Smith†	Cecelia Celestine
Oct 13	Sat	9:00 am	In Honor of the Holy Cross	Raffaela
		5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Oct 14	Sun	9:30 am	Michael & Cervantes Deceased Family Members	Marie Cervantes
		11:00 am	George Purcell	Margaret Moreau
		7:00 pm	Vicente Valencia†	Lomanog & Tagupa Family



**Altar Servers Schedule  
October 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	Isaiah Odejobi
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	Ruel Gutierrez, Jr.	Sean Quinagon	Uri Kibuthu	
<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	Catherine Dipasupil	Jann & Jared Ybarola	Matthew Guzman	Giann, Noble Argiloff
<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

**Do you wish to become a Catholic?  
Attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

RCIA sessions at Holy Cross begin on **Tuesday, October 9 at 7 pm** in the Church Rectory Basement. Seekers looking to join the Catholic Faith; or baptized adults who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation; or adults wishing to act as sponsor (godparent) to a catechumen or those seeking to deepen their faith and to share their faith are all welcome to attend the **Tuesday Sessions at 7 pm**. Please contact the church office if you need more information @ 416-421-5525.



**Collections from  
September 29 & 30, 2018**

**Offertory : \$ 2,439.60**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Upcoming Events**

**October 16, 23, 30 & November 13, 20, 2018** (Every Tuesday) – “Know Your Faith Series” @ 7:00pm-9:00pm (Parish Hall).

**October 21, 2018** (Sunday): *First Holy Communion-Family Gathering, Session 1* (Parish Hall) @ 10:15am; *Enrollment Ceremony* (Church) @ 11:00am

**November 24, 2018** (Saturday): *Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony* (Church) @ 9:00am & *Confirmation Retreat* (Parish Hall) @ 9:30am~3:00pm

**First Reconciliation & First Communion Programme**

Children in Grade 2 wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will have their **Enrolment Ceremony on October 21**. If the family did not attend the registration and information session on September 15, 2018 please contact the Parish Office immediately with the filled in registration form and Baptism certificate and pick up the calendar of upcoming sessions.

**Confirmation Enrolment & Retreat**

**Saturday November 24, 2018**, Enrolment Ceremony in the Church at 9:00am and Confirmation Retreat in the Parish Hall from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Please ensure that we have received the necessary documents such as the *photocopy of the Baptismal Certificates* of the candidates and the sponsors.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 416-421-5225.

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An unknown author noted that: Woman was not taken from the feet of man -- that she might be trampled by him. She was not taken from the head of man that he might be superior to her. She was taken from the side of man that she might walk beside him.

She was taken from under the arm of man that she may be protected by him. She was taken from near the heart of man that he may love her.

Man and woman complement each other relationally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. From the moment of creation, woman is seen as a suitable partner for man. Woman is intended to be the one in who man finds support and strength. This does not mean subservience in any way, for she is a "partner." It does speak to marriage relationships. As the Book of Genesis goes, the two become one, and the relationship is one of intimacy and unity rooting itself in love. The two become one in mind, heart, and body.

This relationship is one characterized by the relationship of Christ to his people, the Church. This is why at the end of the wedding Mass, the priest admonishes the groom: "Love your wife as Christ loves his Church." And this is how Christ loves his Church: He loves them unto the cross. He was willing to be crucified for love of the Church, his people.

In a Church wedding the love of a man and a woman is consecrated to God – made holy. God enters into the Marriage Covenant. It is no longer in the power of people to dissolve the covenant. Because of this Sacrament every action of love between husband and wife becomes grace-giving, sanctifying.

One of the least understood notions today is that of love. Yet, the word "love" is used continually in popular songs, in pulp magazines, in TV series, in daily conversations. And most of the time the notion of "love" as the media convey it is totally inadequate, if not distorted.

Jesus, in taking the defense of fidelity in marriage, is only giving us a means towards greater happiness. Jesus offers a very different picture of love, which lies not in feelings but in commitment – one that entails a separation from one's family and a lifelong companionship through joy and sorrow, "for better or for worse." Only such a commitment, maintained despite the high and low of feelings, can enable two persons to grow toward real maturity.

The psychologist M. Scott Peck says that genuine love is not when we feel like loving, because when we have that loving feeling we are driven by the feeling to love. We have no choice. It is when we don't have that loving feeling, yet we freely choose to love – that is a commitment. That is genuine love.

This does not mean that such a love is without feeling. On the contrary, it will be accompanied by a great variety of feelings. Aside from the dreamy glow of romantic ecstasy, it will know tenderness, humour, compassion, anxiety – and many other feelings. But it will go beyond feelings. It will essentially be rooted in a free decision, a constantly renewed choice to affirm the other person at whatever personal cost, knowing full well that such a determination is on the long run the only road leading to lasting happiness.

Where would humanity be today if Jesus had said that the cross was too heavy or the crucifixion was too painful, too much? Is there not something we can learn from Jesus? Are we no longer willing to suffer? Suffering can soften us; it makes a better person of us. It makes us like the children Jesus talks about in the gospels – to give and not to count the cost; to have the freedom of the birds of the air; to respond spontaneously to the love and embrace around us. Are we afraid to suffer because of what suffering will do to us?

Grace and peace!

*Fr. Roselle*

**Know Your Faith Series**



Join the Kolbe '**Know Your Faith Series**' at **HOLY CROSS Parish** for a **5 week scripture course** on **"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW - Part I"** on **TUESDAYS** starting **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, learn about God's

love, mercy and forgiveness. Enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com) for more information.

**Come & See Weekend**



Come and See Weekend – **Friday, November 2 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, November 4 (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. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

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)

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