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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 Barbara J. Samson, Secretary

**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



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Oct 30	Tues	8:15 am	Erlinda Zapanta∜	Monica & Bella
Oct 31	Wed	8:15 am	Joao & Maria Estrelaす	Hortencia Estrela
Nov 1	Thurs	8:15 am	No Intentions	
Nov 2	Fri	8:15 am	For the Deceased Members of CWL†	Claudette
		7:00 pm	Simone Haygarth∜	Claudette
Nov 3	Sat	9:00 am	Susana Lavilla-Ong & Remy Carbonell – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Susana & Remy
		5:00 pm	Luigi Calitri†	Margherita Calitri
Nov 4	Sun	9:30 am	The Commemoration of all the departed Clergy of Holy Cross Church♥	Fr. Roselle
		11:00 am	Johanna Cecilia Garcia Jaramillo†	Leonor Jaramillo & Family
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	



# Collections from October 20 & 21, 2018

Offertory : \$ 2,742.35 World Mission Sunday : \$ 930.10

Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Upcoming Events**

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

**November 18, 2018** (Sunday): First Holy Communion-Family Gathering, Session 2 (Parish Hall) @ 10:15am;

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

#### First Friday Adoration



There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **November 2** starting at 6:00pm followed by the Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

#### Reflection: All Saints' Day

For many, "holiness" is a word we only think about in relationship to the saints, people who lived such extraordinary lives of faith that their witness, living, and charity have inspired generations. The truth is, the saints did and do live holy lives, seeking, knowing, and fulfilling God's will perfectly.

What we learn from the saints is that holiness is not generic. Living as Christ's people is very particular — dependent upon the persons we are, the gifts we have been given, and the specific circumstances of our lives. You are not called to be Augustine or Teresa or John Paul, each of whom responded to God's love as only they could. You are called to be like them in your commitment to draw near to God's heart, grow as a follower of Jesus, and live in love and charity.

Think of the saint who most inspires you. There is no doubt that this person was a good steward, loving and serving God and others through selfless sharing and sacrifice of the many gifts and blessings that filled his or her life.

By: Leisa Anslinger

#### Reflection: All Souls' Day

The preface of the Mass for All Souls' Day says: "If the certainty of having to die saddens us, the hope of future immortality consoles us."

In this sense, there is a moving testimony that comes from Russia. In 1972, in a clandestine magazine a prayer was published that had been found in the jacket pocket of a soldier, Aleksander Zacepa, composed just before the World War II battle in which he would die.

It says:

Hear me, oh God! In my lifetime, I have not spoken with you even once, but today I have the desire to celebrate. Since I was little, they have always told me that you don't exist. And I, like an idiot, believed it.

I have never contemplated your works, but tonight I have seen from the crater of a grenade the sky full of stars, and I have been fascinated by their splendour. In that instant I have understood how terrible is the deception. I don't know, oh God, if you will give me your hand, but I say to you that you understand me ...

Is it not strange that in the middle of a frightful hell, light has appeared to me, and I have discovered you?

I have nothing more to tell you. I feel happy, because I have known you. At midnight, we have to attack, but I am not afraid. You see us.

They have given the signal. I have to go. How good it was to be with you! I want to tell you, and you know, that the battle will be difficult. Perhaps this night, I will go to knock on your door. And if up to now, I have not been your friend, when I go, will you allow me to enter?

But, what's happening to me? I cry? My God, look at what has happened to me. Only now, I have begun to see with clarity. My God, I go. It will be difficult to return. How strange, now, death does not make me afraid.

Faith doesn't free believers from the anguish of having to die, but it soothes us with hope.

Fr. Roselle



#### Altar Servers Schedule November 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Saturday	Angeline &	Michael	Isaiah	Ryan
5:00 pm	Angelo	Orillanes	Odejobi	
	Beltran			
Sunday	Ruel	Cheraldine	Arnold	Maryrose
9:30 am	Gutierrez, Jr.	Carandang	Carandang	Sabio
Sunday	Andre Flores	Martina	Matthew	Megan,
11:00 am		Flores	Guzman	Mico,
				Giann
Sunday	Cerniel	Cailean	Joshua	Kirsten
7:00 pm	Cruzada	Cruzada		

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

RCIA sessions at Holy Cross began on <u>Tuesday</u>. <u>October 9 at 7 pm</u> 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.

## First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: Family Gathering, Session 2

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Family Gathering, Session 2 will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m.

#### **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.



Just a reminder, don't forget to *turn* your clocks back one hour next weekend.

#### **Know Your Faith Series**

Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for a <u>5 week SALVATION HISTORY</u> study on "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW - Part I".



Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. **Classes begin Tuesdays, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at HOLY CROSS PARISH.** For more information see the bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com.

#### 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.

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

#### Christian Life Program

Inviting all women parishioners who are 40 years old and above to join the Christian Life Program to be conducted by the CFC-Handmaids of the Lord. It started last **September 30, 2018 until November 25, 2018** with its mission: *Personal transformation, evangelization, and wholehearted service to bring glad tidings to the poor.* 

This will be held at the Canadian Martyrs Parish at 1:30 p.m. for nine (9) Sundays.

For more information, please contact:

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