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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

Phone: (416) 393-5242

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Dec 4	Tues	8:15 am	Mrs. Rosemary Connelley† & Mr. John Andrews†	Mary Theodosiou
Dec 5	Wed	8:15 am	Tanya Barrera†	Karin Doumouras
Dec 6	Thurs	8:15 am	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
		7:30 pm	School Mass (Advent)	
Dec 7	Fri	8:15 am	Fortunato & Isabel Baquial†	Rufina Baquial
		7:00 pm	Cecille Boyer†	Pat Boyer
Dec 8	Sat	9:00 am	Fr. Charles Anang - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Therese De Manche
		5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Dec 9	Sun	9:30 am	Gene & Vivian Beltjar - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	
		11:00 am	Natividad Florendo†	Siony
		7:00 pm	Proceso Lavilla† & Elena Lavilla†	Susana Lavilla-Ong



Altar Servers Schedule December 8th /9th 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline & Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	Isaiah Odejobi	Ryan
Sunday 9:30 am	Ruel Gutierrez, Jr.	Sean Quinagon	Arnold Carandang	
Sunday 11:00 am	Catherine Dipasupil	Jann & Jared Ybarola	Matthew Guzman	Giann & Megan
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

1st Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific event of Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses, we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming; indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR

Excerpt from the Living with Christ

Holy Cross Advent Recollection 2018

All are invited to attend the Holy Cross Advent Recollection 2018: "The Family of God and the Season of Waiting" on **December 15th, Saturday from 9:45am~12:45pm** in the Church.

The recollection will be led by Fr. Bobby Cena.

First Friday Adoration



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

Collections from November 24 & 25, 2018

Offertory : \$ 2,377.00

Shepherds' Trust : \$ 1,321.60

Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting (Every Monday)

December 3, 10 & 17, 2018 • Church Hall • 7:30pm~9:30pm

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Confessions: Holy Cross Catholic School

December 4, 2018 (Tuesday) • Church • 9:15am~12:00nn

Advent Mass: Holy Cross Catholic School

December 6, 2018 (Thursday) • Church • 7:30pm

2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes Distribution

Starts December 8, 2018 (Saturday) • Church

* until the end of January 2019

Holy Cross Advent Recollection 2018

December 15, 2018 (Saturday) • Church • 9:45am~12:45pm

First Holy Communion: Family Gathering: Session 3

December 16, 2018 (Sunday) • Church Hall • 10:15am

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Rite of Acceptance**

This year our Parish will welcome **Jue Yan** and **Yulia Cardwell** during the Rite of Acceptance which will take place on December 2, 2018 at 11:00am Sunday Mass.

Please welcome the candidates and more importantly, pray for them as they continue on their journey towards being received into the Catholic Church at Easter.

**Christmas & New Year
Mass Schedule**



The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

December 24 Monday 7:00pm & 11:00pm
10:30pm (*Christmas Carols*)

Christmas Day

December 25 Tuesday 9:30am & 11:00am
No 7:00pm Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 Monday 7:00pm (*Vigil Mass*)

January 1 Tuesday 9:30am & 11:00am
No 7:00pm Mass

Christmas Cakes & Cards... now available

Once again, the Campaign Life Coalition is now selling **Christmas fruit cakes**.

Also, the Right to Life **Christmas Cards** are now on sale. It has 10 cards per pack.

You may contact Claudette at 416-467-0720.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

**2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes
Distribution**

The 2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes distribution will start on **December 8, Saturday**.

Please take note: Some of the assigned envelope numbers **have changed** especially those who had **envelope #376 and onwards in 2018**. Be sure to double check your name on the box.

**Holy Cross Eco Ministry
Breakfast Social Fundraiser**

Come celebrate the beginning of Advent with the Holy Cross Eco Ministry, at our **Breakfast Social Fundraiser!**

On **Sunday, December 2**, learn about the Eco Ministry's initiatives to **Honour God's Creation**. Learn about our plans to:

- *beautify the church grounds*
- *lessen the waste production at church events*
- *build and nurture a pollinator garden for bees and butterflies*

Your purchase of a \$5 breakfast ticket includes a choice of Hot Soup & Beverage or Pastries & Beverage, and greatly helps all of our efforts.

Also featured within our event: a *Superb Silent Auction*, and a *Festive Bake Sale*.

Thank you for your support!

If you would like to support our mission by **donating** gently used soup bowls, soup spoons, or table cloths to the Holy Cross kitchen, please email us and let us know!

If you would like to support our fundraiser by **donating** homemade bake goods, please email us and let us know!

Questions? Please email: holycrosscoministry@gmail.com.

Become a member! We want YOU!

The Marylake Concert Series

On **Sunday, December 9**, our community at Marylake will be hosting a concert: **The Marylake Christmas Concert**. The event will feature the **Columbus Concert Band**. The concert starts at 3:00pm. Tickets are available for \$12 each for adults and \$10 for children under 12 at Marylake or online www.marylake.com. *Bring the whole family*.

For more information, contact info@marylake.com or at 905-833-5368.

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