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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Dec 11	Tues	8:15 am	Cristita Benedicto - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
Dec 12	Wed	8:15 am	Claudette Wilson - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Claudette Wilson
Dec 13	Thurs	8:15 am	For the Deceased Members of Ambrosini Family †	Incoronata Ambrosini
Dec 14	Fri	8:15 am	Toni Tabaniag - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Vinda & Fe Olase
Dec 15	Sat	9:00 am	Katrina Carol Medalle - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
		5:00 pm	Rose Marie Villote - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Ninfa Gasis
Dec 16	Sun	9:30 am	All Parishioners	
		11:00 am	Noella Milne - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D'Souza Family
		7:00 pm	Gloria Bayon - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Beth & Connie

A Reflection of Hope in the Season of Advent

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.
 Hope opens the doors when despair closes them.
 Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot.
 Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.
 Hope 'lights a candle' instead of 'cursing the darkness.'
 Hope regards problems – small or large – as opportunities.
 Hope cherishes no illusions nor does it yield to cynicism.
 Hope sets big goals and is not frustrated by repeated difficulties or setbacks.
 Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.
 Hope puts up with modest gains, realizing that the "longest journey starts with one step".
 Hope accepts misunderstandings as the prize for serving the greater good of others.
 Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

Fr. James Keller



Collections from December 1 & 2, 2018

Offertory : \$ 2,351.90
 Renovation : 648.05
 PAG- November : 1,939.36

Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting (Every Monday)
 December 10 & 17, 2018 • Church Hall • 7:30pm~9:30pm

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
 Every 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

Holy Cross Advent Confession
 December 15, 2018 (Saturday) • Church • 11:45am~12:45pm

First Holy Communion:
Family Gathering: Session 3
 December 16, 2018 (Sunday) • Church Hall • 10:15am

A Reflection on St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross wrote: 'despise yourself and wish that others should despise you... if anything agreeable offers itself your senses, yet does not at the same time tend purely to the honour and glory of God, renounce it and separate yourself from it for the love of Christ.'

Isn't it true that the cross our Lord speaks of – *take up your cross* – is given to us in the circumstances of our life and our work? Someone has written that the only true crosses are those we have not chosen ourselves. In these crosses there is no place of self-congratulation or self-satisfaction. To do our work well and bear it's and life's concurrent difficulties and pain without self-pity, that seems to be truly to be taking up our cross.

St. John of the Cross, at the very least, makes us think anew of the cross in our lives. In his zealous pursuit of the cross in his own life we weaker mortals are reminded that to be like Christ in his resurrection means that we have also been like him in his suffering and death.

Daily at Mass we have put before us under the signs of bread and wine the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord in order that we may join ourselves to it and in the process forward our becoming like him, our imitation of Christ.

Fr. Roselle



**Altar Servers Schedule
December 15th /16th 2018**

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

**Day of Confession
for Advent 2018**



Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, A Day of Confession for Advent 2018 will be held in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

The Confession for Holy Cross will be on **Saturday, December 15th from 11:45am~12:45pm** in the Church.

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 **Saturday, December 15th from 9:45am~12:45pm** in the Church.

The recollection will be led by Fr. Bobby Cena.

**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

**2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes
Distribution**

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

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 Family Ministries – Canada:
Essay Award 2018**

We invite Young Adults (18-35 years) to write a short essay on the theme: ***How to create Christian "Families United in Prayer"*** in the modern world. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, **submitted on or before Wednesday, December 12, 2018**, and include full name, email address, and phone number.

Winners will receive Gift vouchers: 1st Place prize: \$300; 2nd Place prize: \$200; and three prizes worth \$100 each.

Entries may be submitted by mail at: 120 First Avenue, Toronto, ON. M4M 1X1 Or by email: familyministry.canada@gmail.com.

PHONE: 416-466-2127 WEB: <http://www.hcfm-canada.com/>

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.

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.

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