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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**

299A Donlands Avenue  
Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Dec 18	Tues	8:15 am	Draya & Dennison Ducusin – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Dec 19	Wed	8:15 am	For all the Deceased Members of Macarayan & Virtudazo Family †	Teresita Macarayan
Dec 20	Thurs	8:15 am	Fr. Bobby Cena	Mila Benedicto
Dec 21	Fri	8:15 am	Teresita & Luzviminda Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth
Dec 22	Sat	9:00 am	Teresita Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
		5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Dec 23	Sun	9:30 am	Lorenzo Cruz †	Len & Myrna Tapawan
		11:00 am	Mrs. Kok Cuan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Linda Y. Cuan
		7:00 pm	Teresita Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Vinda & Fe Olase



### Collections from December 8 & 9, 2018

Offertory : \$ 2,121.10

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### Upcoming Events

#### **Al-Anon Meeting** (Every Monday)

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

#### **Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

#### **2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes Distribution**

Until the end of January 2019 • Church

#### **First Holy Communion:**

#### **Family Gathering: Session 3**

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

The Advent mystery is a mystery of emptiness, of poverty, of limitation. It must be so. Otherwise it could not be a mystery of hope. – Thomas Merton

### **Journey of Conversion**

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Message in the Vatican

Advent is a time of waiting and expectation, Pope Francis said Sunday, but this season also requires a “*journey of conversion.*”

“*To prepare the way for the Lord who comes, it is necessary to take into account the demands of conversion,*” Francis said in his Angelus address.

Conversion requires changing your attitude, Francis explained. “It leads to humbly recognizing our mistakes, our infidelities, and defaults.”

The pope focused on the invitation of St. John the Baptist, who proclaimed a baptism of repentance as a voice of one crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

“The Baptist invited the people of his time to conversion with force, vigor, and severity,” Francis said. “Yet he knew how to listen, he knew how to perform gestures of tenderness, gestures of forgiveness towards the multitude of men and women who came to him to confess their sins and be baptized.”

“Even today, the disciples of Jesus are called to be his humble, but courageous witnesses to rekindle hope,” the pope said.

The pope suggested that each person asks, “How can I change something in my attitude to prepare the way for the Lord?”

One necessary step is “*making concrete gestures of reconciliation with our brothers, asking for forgiveness of our faults,*” he explained. “The Lord helps us in this, if we have good will.”

Christians are called to help people understand that “*despite everything, the kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit,*” he said.

“May the Virgin Mary help us to prepare the way of the Lord day by day, beginning with ourselves,” Pope Francis prayed.

*(Catholic News Agency, December 9, 2018)*



**Altar Servers Schedule  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	Angeline & Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	Isaiah Odejobi	Ryan
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	Maryrose Sabio	Cheraldine Carandang	Sean Quinagon	
<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	Catherine Dipasupil	Martina Flores	Christine Dipasupil	Jann & Jared Ybarola
<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

**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 will be distributed until the **end of January 2019**.

**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.

You may contact the church office at 416-421-5225 for inquiries.

**Pre-Authorized Giving**

The work of Holy Cross Church is made possible through the giving hearts of parishioners like you. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, **Holy Cross Church is proposing that you kindly consider the Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) to assist you in your giving.**

**Advantages for you:**

- It's convenient. You don't have to scramble to find a pen and fill out an envelope on the way to Mass.
- You know that even when you are away, you are supporting your parish.

**Advantages for the Parish:**

- Imagine if you went to work every day and did not know how much you would receive when you got your cheque. It would make planning your life very difficult. It's the same for your Parish. **PAG** gives your parish a stable flow of income from which we can plan.

**How to sign up for PAG:**

- Decide the amount of your gift to Holy Cross Church to be withdrawn from your account each month. This does not include any money for special collections
- Fill out the PAG form and attach a cheque from your account marked "void".
- Put the form and void cheque in a sealed envelope, and place it in the collection basket or mail it to Holy Cross Church, 291 Cosburn Ave, Toronto ON M4J 2M4. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**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.

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