

# HOLY CROSS PARISH

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**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**

**Upcoming Events**

**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

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**  
January 26, 2019 (Saturday) • Church • 10:30am

***The Game-Changer***

Whenever an innocent child is born into this world, the instinctive optimism for a better future naturally accompanies such a miraculous and auspicious beginning. There exists that budding potential for this unique individual to personally accomplish many wonderful things. Wouldn't this be so much more evident with the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ?

Now there walks among us One who will take us out of eternal darkness and hopelessness. The Messiah who was prophesied to arrive will generously bring us to our true home. We need to rejoice and sing with gusto, for finally, our prayers have been answered. We need not cower in fear and solitude anymore because God's love made real exists and is actually present in our midst.

Perhaps every Christmas, aside from the well-wishes and exchange of presents, we should always remember the reason for this season. God the Father has benevolently gifted us with His only begotten Son. This love offering will forever affect how we live and how we relate with one another. This One really changes everything!

Because of this very special occasion, let us continue praying for His peace within us. May our own homes share the joy and hope brought about by such an awaited event. And may we persevere in our own way to proclaim such Good News that God is with us forever.

*A Blessed Christmas!*

*Fr. Roselle*



**The Office is closed from:**  
**December 24, 2018 to**  
**January 1, 2019**



**Mass Intentions**

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i>       | <i>Mass Intention for</i>                             | <i>Requested by</i>    |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| Dec 25      | Tues       | 9:30am & 11:00 am | All Parishioners                                      |                        |
| Dec 26      | Wed        | 8:15 am           | Mila Benedicto & Ruel Gutierrez – <i>Thanksgiving</i> | Mila Benedicto         |
| Dec 27      | Thurs      | 8:15 am           | Ruel Gutierrez and Family – <i>Thanksgiving</i>       | Vinda & Fe Olase       |
| Dec 28      | Fri        | 8:15 am           | Libatique Family – <i>Thanksgiving</i>                | Libatique Family       |
| Dec 29      | Sat        | 9:00 am           | Mila Benedicto – <i>Thanksgiving</i>                  | Vinda & Fe Olase       |
|             |            | 5:00 pm           | Philip & Cecilia Orillanes – <i>Thanksgiving</i>      | Orillanes Family       |
| Dec 30      | Sun        | 9:30 am           | Arturo & Siony Libatique – <i>Thanksgiving</i>        | Nelson & Nelia Ducusin |
|             |            | 11:00 am          | All Parishioners                                      |                        |
|             |            | 7:00 pm           | Rev. Fr. Marshal Beriault †                           | Barbara Reid           |



**Altar Servers Schedule  
December 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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

**Holy Cross Eco Ministry**

The Holy Cross Eco Ministry Team thanks you for attending and supporting our *Advent Breakfast Social* on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your delicious baked goodies and soup, your quality silent auction items and your tremendous support as donors and patrons, helped us raise almost \$1,100.

Also our Holy Cross Kitchen is now well stocked with new bowls, soup spoons and tablecloths. You are welcome to join us in our future ventures and especially in our gardening project with your Green Thumb!!

You can reach us at [holycrossecoministry@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossecoministry@gmail.com).

**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!

**2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes Distribution**

The 2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes are ready for pickup. Distribution will be until the **end of January 2019**.

**Please take note:**

- (1) 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.
- (2) Please **do not use** envelopes from previous years.

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

**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

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).

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