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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor Administrator

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Feb 5	Tues	8:15 am	Mary Joyce Gutierrez – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Gutierrez Family
Feb 6	Wed	8:15 am	Martha & Michael Dillon†	
Feb 7	Thurs	8:15 am	Zaida Azares – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
Feb 8	Fri	8:15 am	Peter Geekie – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Geekie Family
Feb 9	Sat	9:00 am	Evelina Lastimoza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Ruel & Edu Gutierrez
		5:00 pm	All the Deceased Members of Hebein Family†	Ursula Jerina
Feb 10	Sun	9:30 am	Cervantes Grandchildren & Sons – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Marie Cervantes
		11:00 am	Maria, Rocco & Concetta Lamanna†	Giovanna Cornacchia
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	

Sunday Readings and Reflections

The **first reading** is taken from the book of Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19. Jeremiah is the second of the four great prophets of Israel; a contemporary of Zephaniah, Nahum, and Habakkuk. He was born in the last part of the reign of Manasseh, about 645 years before the birth of Jesus and almost a century after Isaiah. Today's reading comes from the prologue which gives an account of Jeremiah's calling. It is a dialog between Yahweh and Jeremiah.

The **second reading** is taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13, continues last week's comparison of the Church to the human body. Each part of the body is no greater than any other part; rather, all work together to serve the common good. The second reading also discusses the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 4:21-30

In today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth refused to renounce their possessive attitude toward Jesus. He was bitterly criticized because he demonstrated great openness of heart, particularly towards people on the peripheries of society. The Gospel story shows how difficult it is to attain a universal vision. When we face someone like Jesus, someone with a generous heart, a wide vision and a great spirit, our reactions are often filled with jealousy, selfishness and meanness of spirit.

His own people couldn't recognize the holiness of Jesus, because they had never really accepted their own. They were suffering from a form of blindness. They couldn't honour Jesus' relationship with God because they had never fully explored their own sense of belonging to God. Until we see ourselves as people beloved of God, miracles will be scarce, and the prophets and messengers who rise among us will struggle to be heard and accepted for who they are.

Jesus was called to break boundaries and take God's message of salvation to unexpected people and unexpected places. Through our Baptism, we are called to be prophets for the kingdom of God. We will encounter many reactions from those to whom we are sent, not all of them positive. Unswerving dedication, bold courage and deep biblical hope must be our trademarks.

By Fr. Thomas Rosica / Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan
Excerpt from Living with Christ &
The Sunday Readings, CatholicCulture.org



Altar Servers Schedule February 9 & 10, 2019

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

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting (Every Monday)

Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2019 • Church Hall • 7:30pm~9:30pm

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Every 2nd Sunday of the month.

2018 Tax Receipts Distribution

Until February 28, 2019 (Saturday) • Church

School Mass: Holy Cross Catholic School

February 21, 2019 (Thursday) • Church

First Holy Communion:

Family Gathering - Session 4

February 24, 2019 (Sunday) • Church Hall • 10:15am

2018 Tax Receipts ... now available

Please take note:

- (1) 2018 Tax receipts will be available starting **Saturday, January 26th** at the back of the Church.
- (2) Donations received **after** December 30th is **not included** in the tax receipt.
- (3) If you have a change in address or telephone number, please notify us. We will need your new address for the issuance of your Income Tax Receipt.



Are you new in the Parish?

If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket.

Kindly provide us with the complete information so that the Parish Office will then contact you.

Communion for the Household

Please let us know if you have relatives or friends who need visitation or communion. We bring Holy Communion to the housebound every **1st Friday of the month**.

You may contact our parish office at 416-421-5225 to give us your information or approach any of our Eucharistic Ministers.

Special Prayers for Parishioners

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."

If you know of someone who is seriously ill, or someone who has recently died, you can contact the parish office so they can be prayed for in the weekend Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful.

The Catholic Women's League

The CWL would like to remind its members about the renewal of the annual fees. The fee is \$20/year.

You may contact Claudette for inquiries at 416-467-0720.

**Marriage Sunday
in the Archdiocese of Toronto**

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has designated the **weekend of February 9/10, 2019** as **Marriage Sunday** in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant.

To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship.

For more information and resources on marriage, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Daily Mass Readings Online

Parishioners can now find the daily Mass Readings online.

The Archdiocese website, at www.archtoronto.org now has a tab under Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu where the Daily Readings can be found.

Is God Calling You?

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood.

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 at vocations@archtoronto.org.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners for their generous donations of food, clothing and cash throughout 2018.

With your support, we were able to assist approximately 60 families during the past year, which included 81 adults and 41 children, with non-perishable food and grocery vouchers worth \$4,100.00. We also helped several people with beds and mattresses.

For our Christmas program, you donated \$4,300 as well as toys, chocolates and cookies. We issued vouchers worth \$7,100 and assisted close to 100 families.

Without your generosity, none of this would have been possible. Tax receipts, for those who donated cash and cheques in the amount of \$20.00 or more, are in the process of being issued.

We are always looking for new members, if you would like to be part of this esteemed global organization, please contact the parish office or leave your name and number on the parish telephone, extension 3.

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