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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**

299A Donlands Avenue  
Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Feb 19	Tues	8:15 am	Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin†	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Feb 20	Wed	8:15 am	Fred Olase†	Grace Mahia
Feb 21	Thurs	8:15 am	Bozena Demete Rova†	Anna Billa
		9:30 am	School Mass	
Feb 22	Fri	8:15 am	Tirzah Celestine – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Cecelia
Feb 23	Sat	9:00 am	Andrea Barte†	Pauline Taylor
		5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Feb 24	Sun	9:30 am	Tony Prudenciano – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Ching Prudenciano
		11:00 am	Julian & Eryl D'Souza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D'Souza Family
		7:00 pm	Luzminda Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Luzminda Que

### Altar Servers' Schedule: Feb. 23 & 24, 2019

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

### Upcoming Events

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

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

**Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after the 9:00am Mass • Church

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

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Ash Wednesday**

March 6, 2019 (Wednesday) • Church

### Five Reasons to Stay Until the End of Mass

By: Sister Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP, Book Author

Do you need some motivation to stay a little longer to attend the entire Mass? Do you know some other people who might?

Here are some reasons I stay until the end of Mass, (besides the fact that I am a nun and it would be scandalous if I ran out right after communion every Sunday).

**1. Communion Is About Communing:** When we receive communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is able to sit down and be present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Communion is about communing with our Lord and Savior. In order to commune, we have to actually savor this special time with him and take a few moments to be with our Lord.

**2. It is Not Nice to Be Rude:** Before Mass in the convent, we have a half hour of silent meditation on the Gospel. Sometimes I am late. I walk quickly in with my head down, embarrassed that everyone can see that I slept in. Recently, I realized that my motivation to be on time should not be to avoid embarrassment but because I am going to see Jesus. Why are we often more concerned with other people's reactions than we are with Jesus? We think, *I have to run because I have so much to do, so-and-so is waiting for me!* But why is it easy for us to leave early and come late when it is the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?

**3. Mass Is Not An Activity on a To-Do List:** Often when I see people running out of Mass, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. The Christian life is not a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. If we are going to Mass out of a sense of responsibility, sure we may be avoiding mortal sin, but barely scraping by in the avoidance of mortal sin is not the calling of our spiritual life. We are called to much more. We are called to relationship, to holiness, to transformation.

**4. The Final Blessing Is Important:** On the Day of Atonement, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had the honor of going into the holy of holies on the day the angel told him that he and his wife would have a child. The people eagerly waited outside for him to give them a blessing after he offered incense. When Zechariah came out mute because he did not believe the angel's message, the lack of a blessing amplifies the dishonor and the tragedy of losing his voice. I am sure the people went home very disappointed. **Blessings are precious.** *When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God himself.* If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you wait for it?

**5. You Get MORE Grace:** According to the Catechism, "the fruits of the sacraments depend on the disposition of the one who receives them". There is a power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls and plays out in our lives depends on our disposition. If we are rushing out of church after communion, chances are our disposition is not such that we are reverentially aware of the amazing fact that we are consuming the body, blood, soul and divinity of *God* himself. It's heavy stuff. And it deserves a disposition of great respect, if only because we all need all the grace we can get.

**Holy Cross' Future Project:  
Installation of CCTV Cameras**

Holy Cross is planning to install security cameras both in the Rectory and in the Church. This will greatly help the safety of each and every parishioners. The project will cost us around \$5,400.

Any assistance that you feel will be of help for this project will be greatly appreciated.

We believe that God will never be outdone in generosity and He did promise a hundredfold return.

**2018 Tax Receipts ... now available**



2018 Tax receipts is now available at the back of the Church until *February 28<sup>th</sup>*.

***Please take note:***

- (1) Donations received **after** December 30<sup>th</sup> is **not included** in the tax receipt.
- (2) 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.

**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.

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Holy Cross' Eucharistic Healing  
Procession & Benediction**



Every **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**, starting **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Fr. Freddy will perform a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**CWL Pancake Breakfast**

To start the Lenten Season with love, on **Sunday, March 3, 2019**, CWL invites us to join and support them for the **Pancake Breakfast** in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are on sale for **\$5.00** and it will be available at the entrance door of the Church at mass times. It includes pancakes, juice, coffee and fruits.

There will be 2 settings after the 9:30am and 11:00am mass. For more information, you may call Claudette at 416-467-0720.

**Daily Mass Readings Online**

Parishioners can now find the daily Mass Readings online.

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

**Learn the Truth about Cancer:  
The Silent Killer**

Starting **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, St. Brigid's Church presents a **Nine Part Docu-series on the truth about cancer**. Learn the truth about the causes, the prevention and the treatment.

Presentation will take place at **7:45pm at St. Brigid's Church Hall**. Each week there is a video presentation with an international panel of doctors, scientist, researchers, and cancer survivors who will reveal revolutionary cancer preventatives, therapies, and life-saving treatments that can protect you and your loved ones from cancer.

*Coordinated by Fr. Carlos Augusto Sierra.* All are welcome and participation is free. For inquiries you may call at 416-696-8660.

**Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God asks you to pray, but he forbids you to worry. – St. Francis de Sales**

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