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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 5	Tues	8:15 am	Betty Ho†	Helen Chan
Mar 6	Wed	8:15 am	Jeff Johnson†	Kim & Peter Geekie
		9:30 am	School Mass	
		7:00 pm	Mass - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Mar 7	Thurs	8:15 am	Selina Tyson – <i>For the Sick</i>	Helen Chan
Mar 8	Fri	8:15 am	Blood of Jesus	Incoronata Ambrosini
		7:00 pm	Libatique Family – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Libatique Family
		7:30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Mar 9	Sat	9:00 am	Evelina Lastimoza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Vinda & Fe Olase
		5:00 pm	Vincenzo Mazzarella†	Maria Del Vescovo
Mar 10	Sun	9:30 am	Weber Family†	Ursula Jerina
		11:00 am	Lorna D'Souza†	D'Souza Family
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	

Altar Servers' Schedule: March 9 & 10, 2019

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

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting (Every Monday)

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

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Saturday of the month after the 9:00am Mass • Church

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Every 2nd Sunday of the month.

2018 Tax Receipts Distribution

Until February 28, 2019 (Saturday) • Church

Mass - Ash Wednesday (8:15am & 7:00pm) &

Holy Cross School Mass (9:30am)

March 6, 2019 (Wednesday) • Church

First Holy Communion: Family Gathering - Session 5

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

Lenten Season 101: A Guide for Everything You Need to Know Part 1

By: Gretchen Filz, Lay Dominican and author at GoodCatholic.com. Published on Feb. 26, 2017

Lent is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas. Jesus taught us clearly that *there is no resurrection without the Cross*, and Lent is the Church's great spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ, joins her Divine spouse in His great suffering on our behalf.

Basically, you don't get the joy of Easter without the self-sacrifice of Lent; the disciples of Jesus follow in his footsteps . . . including the bloody ones. Here's a rundown of everything major you need to know about the Lenten season, the 40+ days of penance to prepare our hearts Easter, the greatest of all Christian feasts.

LENT IN A NUTSHELL

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** (this year March 6, 2019) and ends on Holy Thursday (this year April 18, 2019). On the evening of Holy Thursday the ***Sacred Paschal Triduum** begins.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means cutting down noticeably on the food we eat and abstinence means abstaining from meat.

(Abstinence for 14 years old & older; Fasting for 18 and under 60 years old; more than 60 years old and those who are sick are exempted.)

The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for his public ministry which would culminate in his death on the cross.

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving." -**Pope Benedict XVI**

Footnotes:

*The **Sacred Paschal Triduum** is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Next Bulletin Issue: Continuation of Lenten Season 101: Helpful definitions & Important Days during Lent will be explained.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule
March 6th

- (1) Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Masses 8:15am & 7:00pm.
- (2) Holy Cross School Mass at 9:30am.

Holy Cross' Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction



Every **1st Saturday of the month**, starting **March 2nd**, Fr. Freddy will perform a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 **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.

CWL Lenten Project:
Support for St. Vincent de Paul's Food Drive

This year Catholic Women's League (CWL) supports St. Vincent de Paul's Food Drive as part of their yearly Lenten Project.

Everyone is encouraged to please bring non-perishable items starting *March 3rd* until *April 19th*, 2019.

For more information, you may call Claudette at 416-467-0720.

Multicultural Night Dinner and Dance

The Holy Cross Family is planning to celebrate its diversity with a **Multicultural Night Dinner and Dance**.

When: May 4th, 2019, Saturday

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Church Hall

Come and wear your traditional dress/attire!

Tickets are \$15 for adults , \$5 for children up to age 12. Tickets will be on sale from March 8th onwards.

Please contact Allan and Lydia Jaikaransingh at Jaikaransingh@rogers.com if you would like to contribute food items, make donations or offer your help for this event.

The money that will be collected from the ticket sales and donations will be used to buy a **projector and update the church's audio system**.

Come and See Weekend



When: March 15-17, 2019

Begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, and

Ends at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday

Where: St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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