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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  
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**Principal:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 12	Tues	8:15 am	Benigno, Modesta & Susana Gayla†	Gigi Gayla
Mar 13	Wed	8:15 am	Mae Brisbin†	
Mar 14	Thurs	8:15 am	Lolita Bayon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth
Mar 15	Fri	8:15 am	Lolita Bayon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Elena & Ligaya
		7:00 pm	Laurence De Vera - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Daria & Family
Mar 16	Sat	7:30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
		9:00 am	Ilana Mappala†	Gigi Gayla
Mar 17	Sun	5:00 pm	Mario Esquillo, Jr†	Elena Manuel
		9:30 am	Lucena & Juan Beltijar†	Gene & Vivian Beltijar
		11:00 am	Dorothy Ingrouville†	Dan Ingrouville
		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)**

March 11, 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.

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

##### **Family Gathering - Session 5**

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

##### **Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation: Session 1**

April 28, 2019 (Sunday) • Church Hall • 12:15am

##### **Multicultural Night Dinner and Dance**

May 4, 2019 (Saturday) • Church Hall • 6:00pm

### **Lenten Season 101: A Guide for Everything You Need To Know Part 2**

#### **Helpful Definitions and Explanations**

**FAST:** Eating less food than normal (does not necessarily mean no food).

**What you can eat:** One normal, full-sized meal, and two smaller meals which if combined would not exceed one full meal.

**Why:** "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." --Pope Benedict XVI

**ABSTINENCE:** Do not eat meat.

**What you can eat:** fish and seafood

**Why:** "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church." --USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

**ALMSGIVING:** Material generosity to the less fortunate.

**What you can give:** money, goods, acts of charity

**Why:** Almsgiving "represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods . . . Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." --Pope Benedict XVI

#### **Obligatory Duties for Catholics during Lent**

##### **Fasting & Abstinence:**

Our obligatory duty on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

##### **Abstinence:**

Do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Treat it as a day of penance.

##### **Confession:**

Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sins is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice for any venial sins prior to the Easter feast.

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

**Lenten Season  
Mass & Stations of the Cross Schedule**

**All Fridays**

7:00pm : Mass  
7:30pm : Stations of the Cross

(Starting March 8 until April 12.)

**Except: April 5 - 1st Friday**

6:00pm : Benediction  
6:30pm : Mass  
7:00pm : Stations of the Cross

**Mass/Service Schedule for Lent**

Palm Sunday	April 13	Sat.	5:00pm	
	April 14	Sun.	9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	
Holy Thursday	April 18	Thurs.	7:00pm	<i>*NO 8:15am Mass</i> Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm
Good Friday	April 19	Fri.	3:00pm	<i>*NO 8:15am Mass</i> Passion Liturgy
			7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Easter Vigil	April 20	Sat.	8:00pm	<i>*NO 9:00am &amp; 5:00pm Mass</i> Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 21	Sun.	9:30am 11:00am	<i>*NO 7:00pm Mass</i>

**2018 Tax Receipts**

Please pick up your Tax Receipts and help us save from postage. Thank 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 household every **1st Friday of the month**.

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

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

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

**Family of Faith**



Thank you for your commitment to the Family of Faith campaign. As of *December 31, 2018*, our current share of the funds received from the campaign is **\$93,452.48**. The efforts that we make together will further the Pastoral Plan and mission of the Holy Cross Parish. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. As payments are made, funds will be deposited in our account to address our future project/s like the **Washroom Renovation** in the parish hall.

**CWL Activities**

**Pancake Breakfast**

CWL thanks all those who assisted in the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday for their time and support.

**Lenten Project**

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

Everyone is encouraged to please bring non-perishable items until April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For more information, you may call Claudette at 416-467-0720.

**Coins for Life**



Lent is a great activity to do alms-giving to help promote the Campaign Life Coalition run the Annual National March for Life in Ottawa on May 9<sup>th</sup>. In our present-day culture of death society, we all have a role play to reverse the tide even with the *'little project for life'*.

The Coins for Life boxes will be handed out at the back of the Church starting March 9<sup>th</sup> until April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Multicultural Night Dinner and Dance**

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

**When: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Please contact Allan and Lydia Jaikaransingh at [Jaikaransingh@rogers.com](mailto: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**.

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