



H O L Y C R O S S
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:45 am to 4:45 pm

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor

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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 7:45 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.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction


Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242

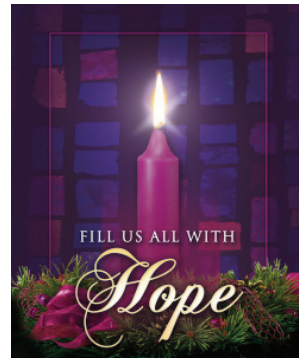
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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Dec 3	Tues	8:15 am	Emmanuel Alojipan – Health	Greg & Corazon Beltijar
Dec 4	Wed	8:15 am	Norma Foronda†	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Dec 5	Thurs	8:15 am	Dina Anthony†	Vinda & Fe Olase
		7:00 pm	HC School – Family Advent Mass	
Dec 6	Fri	8:15 am	Debbie Casey & Family – Thanksgiving	Therese De Manche
		6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Hour First Friday Mass Celsa Antenor†	Mila Benedicto
Dec 7	Sat	9:00 am	Barbara Crisp† Edmundo Sr. † & Elisio Uytiepo† Edmundo Uytiepo Jr† Evelyn Hilado† Alicia Tria Dela Luna†	Skura Family Eunice Uytiepo Eunice Uytiepo Eunice Uytiepo Mary Grace Tria
		5:00 pm	25 th Anniv. of NAIC Association in Canada – Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Dec 8	Sun	9:30 am	Vivian & Gene Beltijar – Thanksgiving	Vivian & Gene Beltijar
		11:00 am 7:00 pm	Ambrosini Family – Thanksgiving All Parishioners	Incoronata Ambrosini

Sunday Gospel Reflection: The Necessity for Watchfulness



Preparing Ourselves for Christ

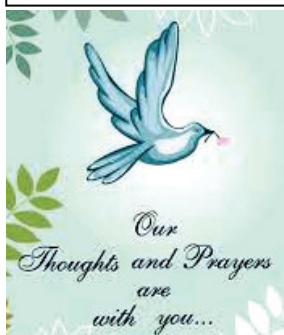
This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus become man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Altar Servers’ Schedule: Dec. 7 & Dec. 8, 2019			
Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am	Sunday 7:00 pm
Angeline Beltran	Ruel Gutierrez, Jr.	Andre & Martina Flores	Cailean Cruzada
Angelo Beltran	Sean Quinagon	Matthew Guzman & Gieann Pervera	Joshua Razon
Michael Orillanes	Maryrose Sabio	Aurora & Alfred Donceras	Kirsten Razon
Isaiah Odejobi	Cheraldine & Arnold Carandang	Bernadette Labang & Christine Dipasupil	

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.

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting

Every Monday • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm • Parish Hall

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Every Sunday • 10:00 am • Parish Hall

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Every 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Cross RCIA – Rite of Acceptance

December 1, 2019 (Sunday) • 11:00 am • Church

Know Your Faith Series

December 3, 2019 (Tuesday) • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Parish Hall

Holy Cross School – Family Advent Mass

December 5, 2019 (Thursday) • 7:00 pm • Church

Holy Cross Advent Confessions

December 13, 2019 (Friday) • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Church

Holy Cross Advent Retreat 2019

December 14, 2019 (Saturday) • 9:45 am - 12:45 pm • Church

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Family Gathering – Session 3

December 15, 2019 (Sunday) • 10:15am • Parish Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation – Session 1

April 5, 2020 (Sunday) • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

Sacramental Preparations

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Session 3: Family Gathering

December 15 • Sunday • 10:15 am • Parish Hall

Note: Parents must attend this event.

Confirmation

Session 1

April 5, 2020 • Sunday • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

RCIA

Every Sunday • 10:00am • Parish Hall

Holy Cross RCIA Group – Rite of Acceptance

We request you to continue to pray for Holy Cross RCIA Group especially those undertaking the Rite of Acceptance on **December 1**. Please welcome them into our parish family and help them on their journey towards Jesus our Lord.

Multiple Mass Intentions is now permitted for Saturday morning only

We are now accepting multiple intentions (maximum of 5) for **Saturday 9:00 am Mass only.**

Please feel free to book your intentions in the office.

Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

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.**

Know Your Faith Series



Join the Kolbe 'Know Your Faith' series for a 4 week SALVATION HISTORY study on "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW - Part III".

Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. The last class is on **Tuesday, December 3** from **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** in **Holy Cross Parish Hall**.

For more information see the bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com

**HOLY CROSS PARISH
ADVENT SCHEDULE 2019**

Date / Day	Time	Activity	Venue
December 13 <i>Friday</i>	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Confessions	Church
December 14 <i>Saturday</i>	9:45 am to 12:45 pm	Retreat	Church
December 15-23	7:00 pm	9-Day Novena Mass <i>(Simbang Gabi)</i>	Church

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR
Mass Schedule**

Date / Day	Time	Activity	Venue
December 24 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 pm <i>and</i> 11:00 pm 10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass <i>Christmas Carols</i>	Church
December 25 <i>Wednesday</i>	9:30 am 11:00 am No 7:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass	Church
December 31 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 pm	New Year Vigil Mass	Church
January 1 <i>Wednesday</i>	11:00 am No 7:00 pm	New Year's Day Mass	Church

Office Hours

December 24	Tuesday	Closed
December 25	Wednesday	Closed
December 26	Thursday	Closed
December 31	Tuesday	8:45 am – 12:00 noon
January 1	Wednesday	Closed

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2020 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product service.

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