



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*

*Deacon Albert Dacanay*

*Barbara J. Samson, Secretary*

**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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 <b>Mass Intentions</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention for</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Dec 16	Mon	7:00 pm	Ligaya Kelly & Family – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Elena Manuel
Dec 17	Tues	8:15 am	Draya & Dennison Ducusin- <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
		7:00 pm	Filipino Olase✠	Fe & Vinda Olase
Dec 18	Wed	8:15 am	The Deceased Members of Benedicto Family✠	Mila Benedicto
		7:00 pm	Fred Olase✠	Fe & Vinda Olase
Dec 19	Thurs	8:15 am	The Deceased Members of the Beaver Family✠	Pauline Taylor
		7:00 pm	Remy Simbulan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte
Dec 20	Fri	8:15 am	Loida Maghirang✠	Greg & Corazon Beltijar
		7:00 pm	Remy Simbulan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Vinda & Fe Olase
Dec 21	Sat	9:00 am	-The Deceased Members of Legion of Mary✠	Legion of Mary
			-Marlena Ostojic, <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Ostojic Family
			-Teresita & Luzminda Que, <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte
			-Cecille Boyer✠	Patricia Boyer
			-Mary Janet Gutierrez, <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Grace Mahia
		5:00 pm	Loida Maghirang✠	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
		7:00 pm	<i>Night Mass</i>	
Dec 22	Sun	9:30 am	All Parishioners	
		11:00 am	Kim Geekie – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Peter Geekie
		7:00 pm	Teresita Que - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

<b>Altar Servers' Schedule: Dec. 21 &amp; Dec. 22, 2019</b>			
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>
Angeline Beltran	Ruel Gutierrez, Jr.	Andre & Martina Flores	Cailean Cruzada
Angelo Beltran	Sean Quinagon	Gianna & Matthew Guzman	Joshua Razon
Michael Orillanes	Maryrose Sabio	Christine Dipasupil & Pia Santos	Kirsten Razon
Isaiah Odejobi	Cheraldine & Arnold Carandang	Gieann Pervera & Bernadette Labang	

### Sunday Gospel Reflection: *Jesus Praises John the Baptist*



#### **Rejoicing amidst the Darkness**

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”** These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass of Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death – can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? The Gaudete Sunday, let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

**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

**Multiple Mass Intentions is now permitted for Saturday morning only**

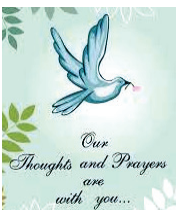
We are now accepting multiple intentions (maximum of 5) for **Saturday 9:00 am Mass only.**

*Please feel free to book your intentions in the office.*

**Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

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

**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 2020 Mass Intentions Book is now available.**

**2020 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2020 Parish Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick-up at the Church's main entrance.

**Please take note** Some of the parishioner's envelope numbers have been changed due to the updating of the database. Make sure to double check your name on the box.

**IMPORTANT! Please DO NOT USE the NEW 2020 ENVELOPES until after New Year.**



**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

**ADVENT SCHEDULE 2019**

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

**Office Hours**

December 24	Tuesday	Closed
December 25	Wednesday	Closed
December 26	Thursday	Closed
December 27	Friday	8:45 am – 4:45 pm
December 31	Tuesday	8:45 am – 12:00 noon
January 1	Wednesday	Closed

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