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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:45 am to 4:45 pm

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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.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Jan 14	Tues	8:15 am	Lydia Marquez✠	Pauline Taylor
Jan 15	Wed	8:15 am	Guiseppe Totino✠	Circosta Family
Jan 16	Thurs	8:15 am	Therese De Manche – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Thelma Miranda
Jan 17	Fri	8:15 am	Felizardo & Ding-Dong Olase✠	Vinda & Fe Olase
Jan 18	Sat	9:00 am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass for:</i>	
			-Libatique Family	Libatique Family
			-Sr. Gloria Radomske -Teresita & Luzminda Que	Eleanor Houston Eleanor Houston
			-Severina Mamaril & Family	Severina Mamaril
			Victoria Deresma✠	Hilda Sembrano
		5:00 pm	Carl D'Souza - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D'Souza Family
Jan 19	Sun	9:30 am	Ruel & Edhu Gutierrez – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
		11:00 am	Alice Campbell✠	Margaret Moreau
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	

**Sunday Gospel Reflection:
Matthew 3.13-17**




Baptism of the Lord

Our faith embraces the tension of the hypostatic union – the **fully divine** and **fully human** nature of Jesus. The Baptism of the Lord is a profound instance of the revelation of the humanity of Jesus and his desire to draw close to us.

John the Baptist baptized people “for repentance” (Mathew 3.11). If Jesus is God, why would he need to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins? One possible answer is that Jesus was baptized in order to identify totally with us. He is the only member of the human race that does not need forgiveness; however, in order to identify with us, he humbled himself to undergo baptism. He even identified with the effects of sin that we experience, suffering and death. I draw great comfort and hope from this episode in Matthew’s Gospel; Jesus is present in every experience of my life, even in my need for redemption and forgiveness. His act of humility has increased my intimacy with him.


Each time we gather for Mass, we bless ourselves with water from the baptismal font, calling to mind our baptism and Christ’s. Let this week’s Eucharist be an opportunity to give thanks that we have a Saviour who understands our humanity and the effect that sin has on it, even as God the Father calls him “my Son, the Beloved.”

Excerpt from the Living with Christ, Rose Derksen



Starting January 2020, the **Altar Servers’ Schedule** will be posted in the Sacristy’s Bulletin Board.

Please don’t forget to check your schedule.



PASTORAL NOTES
Baptism - Continuation

1.3 Preparation

1.3.1 Determining Necessary Preparation

Parishes should meet with the parent/legal guardian to determine what sort of preparation is necessary, by enquiring about:

- the reason for the request for Baptism;
- how the parents/guardians have provided for the religious development of any other children in their family;
- how the family is presently involved in the parish or the life of the Church; and
- what their future plans are to enable their child to grow in the faith.

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

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

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

January 25, 2020 (Saturday) • 10:30am • Church

Sacrament of Confirmation – Session 1

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

Sacramental Preparations

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

January 25, 2020 • Saturday • 10:30 am • Church

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

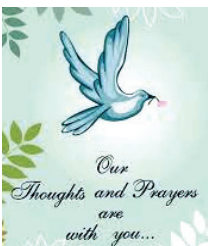
We are now accepting multiple intentions (maximum of 5) for **Saturday 9:00 am Mass only.**

Please feel free to book your intentions in the office.

Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every **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.**

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.

Formation for Lectors

Saturday • January 18, 2020 • 9 am – 12 pm

St. Patrick's Parish, 139 McCaul Street, Toronto

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites **Lectors** into a deeper understanding of the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church, and the Liturgy of the Word through formation sessions offered throughout the year. *Please check the bulletin board to reister.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Sunday • January 26, 2020 • 7:00 pm

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church • 1585 Yonge Street, TO M4T 1Z9

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2)

Come and join in an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** led by Christian Church Leaders in GTA.

His Eminence Cardinal Collins will be reflecting on the Word of God.

For more information, please contact 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or 527 or email ecumenical@archtoronto.org.

Refreshments to follow.

Marriage Sunday 2020



If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration with **Cardinal Thomas Collins**. The Mass will take place on:

February 9, 2020 • 3:00 p.m.

St. Isaac Jogues Parish

(1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering)

A reception will follow after the Mass. The mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are **required to register** online or by phone **before the deadline of February 4, 2020**. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating.

Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling 416-934-3400 extension 523.

A special "Thank You" from St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wants to thank all the parishioners and the Holy Cross School for their generosity in donating cash, food, clothes and volunteer hours throughout the year 2019. With your support, we were able to assist and gave out non-perishable food and grocery vouchers to 40 families consisting of 55 adults and 37 children with 53 home visits as well.

And a special THANK YOU to all Holy Cross Conference members for turning concern into action.

Christmas Tree Program – "A Success"

Cash donations received: \$4,045.00

Other donations received: cookies, toys, and chocolates

Assisted 70 families consisting of 125 adults and 83 children.

Tax receipts will be issued by the end of February 2020 to cash/cheque donations received amounting to \$20 or more.

If you are interested in joining us, please call the parish office, choose option #3 and leave a voice message with your name and telephone number.

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