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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**

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

 <b>Mass Intentions</b>				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Feb 3	Mon	8:15 am	<b>Mass with Blessing of the Throat</b>	
Feb 4	Tues	8:15 am	Guisepe & Maria Incononata✠	
Feb 5	Wed	8:15 am	Remedios Dipasupil✠	Monica Sigue
Feb 6	Thurs	8:15 am	Ruel, Edhu & Gutierrez Family – <b>Thanksgiving</b>	Connie & Beth Escabarte
Feb 7	Fri	8:15 am	Dorothy Acheson✠	Claudette Wilson
		6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Holy Hour First Friday Mass</b> Hudson Christopher Tanaka Brown✠	Holy Cross School Staff
Feb 8	Sat	9:00 am	Fe Olase - <b>Thanksgiving</b>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
		5:00 pm	Joannah Gloria✠ Incononata Ambrosini - <b>Thanksgiving</b>	Acutina Family & Frequency Band
Feb 9	Sun	9:30 am	Gene & Vivian Beltijar – <b>Thanksgiving</b>	Gene & Vivian
		11:00 am 7:00 pm	Renato Cifa✠ All Parishioners	Maria Gomez

### Sunday Gospel Reflections

#### **The Presentation of the Lord** Luke 2.22-40



#### **Labouring for the Steward's Great Reward**


This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the *Presentation of the Lord*. We reflect on Joseph and Mary taking the child Jesus up to the temple and the prophet. Simeon taking the child into his arms. Simeon was an elderly prophet in Jerusalem to whom it had been revealed that “he would not see death before he had seen the Christ” (Luke 2:26). After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes.

The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ’s faithful stewards. The reward of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven. The USCCB write in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\**, “What is the reward to which good stewards can look forward? The answer is perfect fulfillment in God’s Kingdom.” It is in God’s Kingdom that we will enjoy the beatific vision for all eternity.

So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we’re tempted to despair, let us remember the reward of Simeon that awaits the faithful steward. This remembrance should help us increase our labours of love for God and the Church for we know that we are not doing it for any other purpose than unity with God for all eternity. This is the goal of our Christian lives.

[www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

\*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, 2002



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### PASTORAL NOTES

#### **Baptism**

**1.3 Preparation - Continuation**

**1.3.4 Delaying Infant Baptism**

If at least one of the parents is Catholic, Baptism can never be denied. It can, however, be delayed for appropriate pastoral reasons. Circumstances for delaying may include a combination of:

- serious doubt about the future upbringing of the child in faith;
- a current contentious divorce proceeding;
- an unfinalized adoption of a child.

The fact of an irregular union of the parents is not an automatic reason for delaying a Baptism. Furthermore, any delay in the Baptism presumes that the child is not in danger of death.

*Whenever you are in a position to help someone,  
be glad and always do it because that is  
God answering someone else’s prayers through you.*

**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

**Blessing of the Throat**

February 3, 2020 (Monday) • 8:15am • Church

**Pancake Breakfast**

February 23, 2020 (Sunday) • 10:30am & 12nn • Parish Hall

**First Holy Communion: Family Gathering Session 4**

March 1, 2020 (Sunday) • 10:15am • Parish Hall

**Sacrament of Confirmation – Session 1**

Parents required to attend in Session 1 ONLY

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

**Sacramental Preparations**

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

**Family Gathering Session 4**

March 1, 2020 • Sunday • 10:15 am • Parish Hall

**Confirmation: Session 1**

Parents are required to attend in Session 1 ONLY

April 5, 2020 • Sunday • 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm • Parish Hall

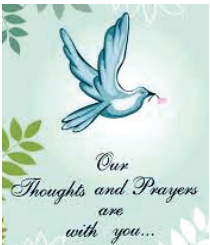
**RCIA**

Every Sunday • 10:00am • Parish Hall

**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.

We pray for the speedy recovery of **Ligaya Cena** and **Rose Houston**.

*"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.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

**Sunday • February 2 • 3:00 pm • St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto**

All are welcome to come to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese.

**Marriage Sunday 2020 with Cardinal Collins**

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

**ShareLife through PAG**

Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, You may want to increase your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.

**Pancake Breakfast**

**February 23 • Sunday • Parish Hall**

With two sittings at 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon. There will also be a raffle and the item will be 1 unit of NINJA AIR FRYER!!!

You can look for Claudette or contact her at 416-467-0720 for the tickets.

*"Wishing all of you the best of luck!"*

**Catholic Women's League  
Lenten Commitment**

As we approach the Lenten Season, we are commencing our annual commitments. Again, we are requesting for donations of new socks, under pants, toiletries, and some canned items for the Good Shepherd Ministries.

*Please contact Claudette for your donations at 416-467-0720.*

**CWL Membership**

This is to remind the CWL Members that the membership fees are now due. *Thank you very much.*

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