



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

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

Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Feb 11	Tues	8:15 am	Linda Cuan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Eleanor Houston
Feb 12	Wed	8:15 am	Severina Mamaril – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Arthur & Siony Libatique
Feb 13	Thurs	8:15 am	Remedios Dipasupil†	Corpus Sisters & Friends
Feb 14	Fri	8:15 am	Helena Lee – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Helena Lee
Feb 15	Sat	9:00 am	Ninfa Gasis – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Eric Pulongbarit & Family
		5:00 pm	Kathie Smit† Angela Alfred – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Elena & Kelly Family Angela Alfred
Feb 16	Sun	9:30 am	Sergio, Luis Jr. & Cervantes’ Grandchildren – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Marie Cervantes
		11:00 am	Valentine Labang All Parishioners	Labang Family
		7:00 pm	NO MASS	

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Salt and Light
Matthew 5.13-16




The Light of Stewardship

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, “from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us.” She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith should not be downcast but instead be joyful stewards for Christ. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says “let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that “we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we’re on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, *does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God’s transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?*

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship



PASTORAL NOTES
Baptism

1.3 Preparation - Continuation

1.3.5 Preparation for Adult Baptism

For ‘adult’ Baptism (age of 7 or over, and *sui compos*):

Between the age of 7 and 13 years of age:

- preparation should be received through an appropriate parish program; the program is to be 6 to 8 sessions in length; a list of endorsed Baptism preparation programs can be obtained in the parish office;
- the child should be Confirmed at the appropriate time with his/her peers;
- at least one parent should consent to the Baptism.

14 years of age or older:

- preparation should be received through RCIA; a list of endorsed RCIA resources can be obtained in the parish office;
- the person must receive the sacrament of Confirmation during the same liturgical event as the Baptism.

1.3.6 Preparation for Children with Special Needs

If a child of school age has special learning needs, preparation materials may be given to the Special Education teacher for remote instruction. If doubt exists about the intellectual readiness of the individual, the benefit of the doubt goes to him or her, and they should receive the sacrament.

2019 Tax Receipts Distribution

Distribution of the Tax Receipts will be every after mass at the back of the Church. Should you have any questions, please call in the office at 416-421-5225. You can also leave a voice message. Thank 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 2nd Sunday of the month

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

February 22, 2020 (Saturday) • 6:00pm • Parish Hall

Pancake Breakfast

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

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020 (Wednesday) • 8:15am • Church

School Mass: Holy Cross Catholic School

February 26, 2020 (Wednesday) • 9:30am • Church

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 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 8:15 a.m. mass until 10:00 a.m.**

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 or by calling 416-934-3400 extension 523.

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.

Holy Cross Parish Lenten Retreat

Theme: God's Mercy Endures Forever

God's Mercy has a name – Jesus

God's Mercy has a face – The Face of Jesus

28 March 2020 • Saturday • 10am to 12nn • Church

Join us for our Parish Mission to allow God to immerse us in an experience of His Mercy – an experience with Jesus.

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.

**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.

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