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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



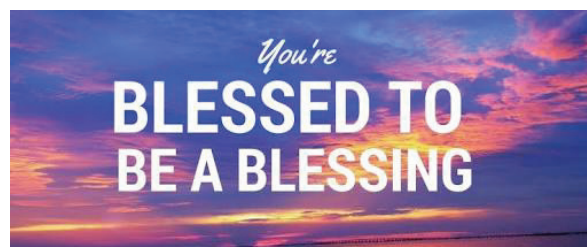
Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Feb 18	Tues	8:15 am	James Wong †	Wong Family
Feb 19	Wed	8:15 am	Bernardo and Concepcion Ducusin †	Nelson and Nelia Ducusin
Feb 20	Thurs	8:15 am	Drina Jolic-Leljak †	Drago & Marlena Ostojic
Feb 21	Fri	8:15 am	All the Souls in the Purgatory †	Drago & Marlena Ostojic
Feb 22	Sat	9:00 am	Fe Olase – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Arturo & Siony Libatique
		5:00 pm	Evelyn Lastimoza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Feb 23	Sun	9:30 am	Tirzah Celestine – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Cecelia Celestine
		11:00 am	Julian & Eryl D’Souza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D’Souza Family
		7:00 pm	Remedios Dipasupil †	Sherwin & Beth Avila

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Various Teachings of Jesus

Matthew 5.17-37



Going the Extra Mile

In today’s Gospel we hear some of Jesus’ bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says “You have heard what was said to those of ancient times... but I say to you...” ***He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.***

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that ***“as good stewards, we are meant to use God’s gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God’s gifts to Him with increase.”*** The key word in the Cardinal’s exhortation is “increase”.

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. ***Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in.*** Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, “You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

*<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship/Pages/Pastoral-Letter-Cardinal-Thomas-Collins.aspx>



PASTORAL NOTES

Baptism

Role of Godparents

1.4 Godparents

1.4.1 Role of Godparent

As far as possible, a person to be baptized should be given a Godparent, although it is not required for the validity or the liceity of the sacrament. In adult Baptism, the Godparent assists in Christian initiation. In infant Baptism, the Godparent with the parents present the child for Baptism. Godparents support the baptized to lead a Christian life to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent to the sacrament.

1.4.2 Number of Godparents

There may be one Godfather, one Godmother, or one of each. Accordingly, if there are two Godparents, one must be male and the other female. Only a maximum of two names are inscribed in the baptismal register as the official Godparents, no matter the actual number of Godparents the family may have chosen.

2019 Tax Receipts Distribution

Distribution of the Tax Receipts will be every after mass at the back of the Church until **March 1**. 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

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 Masses

February 26, 2020 (Wed) • 8:15am, 9:30am, 7:00pm • 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 are required to attend the 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 the 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 performs a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**



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.** in the Church.



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.



Pancake Breakfast

"Let us start the Lenten Season with Love."

(\$5 – includes pancakes, juice, coffee and fruits)

February 23 • Sunday • Parish Hall

With two sittings at 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Buy a \$10 raffle ticket and have a chance to win **1 unit of NINJA AIR FRYER** and other wonderful prizes!

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



Schedule of Masses

February 26 • Church

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (School Mass)

7:00 p.m.

A day of fasting and abstinence.



Holy Cross Parish

Lenten Retreat

Theme: God's Mercy Endures Forever
by Fr. Dennis Mason

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.

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