



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*  
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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**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 <b>Mass Intentions</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention for</i>	<i>Requested by</i>	
Feb 25	Tues	8:15 am	Luzminda Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Luzminda Que	
Feb 26	Wed	8:15 am	<b>Ash Wed Masses</b> Luzminda Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson and Nelia Ducusin	
		9:30am	<b>School Mass</b>		
		7:00pm	Corazon Montenegro Balasabas✠	Delia Magno & Minda Family	
Feb 27	Thurs	8:15 am	Teresita Betancor✠	Leonor Jaramillo	
Feb 28	Fri	8:15 am	Siony Libatique - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin	
		7:00 pm	<b>Friday Mass in observance of Lent</b>		
		7:30 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>		
Feb 29	Sat	9:00 am	<i>Thanksgiving:</i> Evelyn Lastimoza Conception Libatique	Gutierrez Family Severina & Oscar Mamaril	
		5:00 pm	Fe & Vinda Olase – <i>Thanksgiving</i>		Oscar & Severina Mamaril
Mar 1	Sun	9:30 am	Len & Mirasol Tapawan - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Tapawan Family	
		11:00 am	Remedios Dipasupil✠		St. Cecilia Choir
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners		

### Sunday Gospel Reflections

#### **Love your Enemies**

Matthew 5.38-48



#### **Growing in Stewardship and Holiness**

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, “be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to “be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it.

Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that “all Christ’s faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives – and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will” (*Lumen Gentium*, 41).

Essentially, *Lumen Gentium* teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness.

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### PASTORAL NOTES

#### **Baptism - Role of Godparents**

##### **1.4.3 Qualification to be a Godparent**

To qualify for the function of Godparent, a person must be 16 years of age or older, be fully initiated (*i.e. received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion*), and be in full communion with the Catholic Church leading a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on (*i.e. receiving the sacraments regularly to the best of their ability, not under any ecclesiastical penalty, and not in an irregular union*). Beyond these basic requirements, the candidate for Godparent must also have the aptitude and intention to discharge their responsibility to help their Godchild fulfill his or her baptismal promises faithfully.

##### **1.4.4 Christian Witnesses**

A validly baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community may be admitted as a witness to Baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. A Christian Witness can be male or female regardless of the sex of the Catholic Godparent. However, those who have been initiated into their faith tradition solely by virtue of a “rite of dedication” cannot be a Christian Witness since they have not received Baptism. Catholics who otherwise do not qualify to be a Godparent, cannot be a Christian witness.

#### **2019 Tax Receipts Distribution**

Distribution of the Tax Receipts will be every after mass at the back of the Church until **March 1**. Thereafter, you can pick it up in the office.

Feel free to call in the office at 416-421-5225 if you have clarifications. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 26, 2020 (Wed) • 8:15am, 9:30am, 7:00pm • Church

**Friday Mass during Lent followed by the Stations of the Cross**

Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr 3 • 7:00pm-7:30pm • 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

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

**Ash Wednesday Masses**



**February 26 • Church**

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (School Mass)

7:00 p.m.

**A day of fasting and abstinence.**

**Friday Mass in observance of Lent & Stations of the Cross**

Starting February 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **mass at 7:00pm every Friday** in observance of Lent until **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** followed by the Stations of the Cross.

To prepare ourselves during Lent, we are called not just to abstain from sin but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ.

**Holy Cross 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.

**CWL Lenten Commitment for Good Shepherd**

As the Lenten Season is fast approaching, CWL (Catholic Women's League) is commencing its annual commitment to Good Shepherd such as:

**Donations of Clothing & Toiletries**

Again, we are requesting for donations of *new socks, under pants, toiletries, and some canned items.*

**Coins for Life**

Coins for Life boxes will be available at the church entrances. Please take one to support the project and give as much as you can.



**GENTLE REMINDER: CWL – Membership Fee**

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

*You can contact CWL c/o Claudette for all your queries at 416-467-0720.*

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