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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.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 3	Tues	8:15 am	For the Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Mar 4	Wed	8:15 am	Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin†	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Mar 5	Thurs	8:15 am	For the Deceased Members of the Escabarte Family†	Connie & Beth Escabarte
Mar 6	Fri	8:15 am	Victor Javier, Sr. †	
		6:00 pm	Holy Hour	
		7:00 pm 7:30 pm	First Friday Mass Stations of the Cross	
Mar 7	Sat	9:00 am	<u>Thanksgiving:</u> Evelyn Lastimoza Annie Tayong	Connie & Beth Escabarte Borrego & Vega Family
			<u>For the soul:</u> Ma. Elena Borrego† } Peter Turco† }	Borrego & Vega Family
Mar 8	Sun	5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
		9:30 am	Michael & Anne Skura†	Ron & Joan Skura
		11:00 am	Monica D'Souza†	D'Souza Family
		7:00 pm	Mariana Weglinski – for the sick	Luciana & Sebastiano Latino

Sunday Gospel Reflections

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4.1-11



Fasting and Feasting

As we begin this great season of Lent, it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that “nature abhors a vacuum.”

This leads us to the practice of “*fasting and feasting*” in Lent. Through this practice we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts.

Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season:

<i>Fast from judging others</i>	<i>Feast on the Christ dwelling in them</i>
<i>Fast from emphasis on differences</i>	<i>Feast on the unity of life</i>
<i>Fast from words that pollute</i>	<i>Feast on phrases that purify</i>
<i>Fast from discontent</i>	<i>Feast on gratitude</i>
<i>Fast from anger</i>	<i>Feast on patience</i>
<i>Fast from complaining</i>	<i>Feast on appreciation</i>
<i>Fast from negatives</i>	<i>Feast on affirmatives</i>
<i>Fast from self-concern</i>	<i>Feast on compassion for others</i>
<i>Fast from problems that overwhelm</i>	<i>Feast on prayer that strengthens</i>

In essence, let us ***fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards*** and ***feast on those practices that strengthens us.***

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

Friday Mass Schedule & Stations of the Cross

Mass - 7:00 p.m. / Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 • Church

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.



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PASTORAL NOTES

Baptism - Role of Godparents

1.4.5 Eastern Orthodox Godparents

A member of an Eastern Orthodox church may be permitted to act as a Godparent provided there is a primary Godparent who is Catholic.

1.4.6 Letter of Suitability for Godparent

It is not automatically required to ask for a letter of good standing for a Godparent. However, if serious doubt exists about his or her qualification for the function, a request may be made for a letter of suitability from his or her pastor, or for an updated baptismal certificate.

The Office of Spiritual Affairs has devised a sample registration form for Baptism, which requires among other things, information about the qualification of the Godparent. A copy of this form is provided in the office. The purpose of this form is to minimize requests for further documentation from prospective Godparents.

2019 Tax Receipts Distribution

March 1, is the last day of the distribution of the tax receipts every after mass at the back of the Church. Thereafter, you can pick it up in the office. *For clarifications, free to call in the office at 416-421-5225 or 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

Friday Mass during Lent followed by the Stations of the Cross

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

First Holy Communion: Family Gathering Session 4

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

Holy Cross Lenten Retreat

March 28 • 10am to 12nn • Church

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.

A Heartfelt Gratitude from Fr. Freddy



A **"Big Thank You"** to all Holy Cross Volunteers for their never-ending and untiring support in the parish events and programs.

As the saying goes, *"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."*

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

Jr. Legion of Mary – Trip to St. Augustine Seminary



From L-R Front: William, Arnold, Benedette, Christian Jose, Sengra.

From L-R Back: Jerico (President), Faith (Secretary), Pauline (Vice President), Madeline Dawson (Officer), Maryrose, Cheraldine (Treasurer)

On February 22, eight (8) members of the "Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Jr. Praesidium" of Holy Cross had a trip to St. Augustine Seminary. They had a chance to meet about 80 to 90 Junior's from different presidia. They also met 5 Seminarians who shared and talked about their journey of becoming a priest. It was followed by a tour in the gallery of the priest from 1923-2020 as well as a tour in the cemetery where some priests were buried.

For children ages 7-18 years old who are interested to join the Jr. Legion of Mary, you can email Jerico or Madeline at jericoramos95@gmail.com and madeline.dawson95@gmail.com. This is a good opportunity to learn how to cultivate and grow your faith in God.

Funeral Pre-Planning & Estate Planning

The Heritage Funeral Centre will present the benefits of Funeral Pre-Planning and Estate Planning on March 14 & 15. Please have a moment to take a look at the table set-up at the back of the Church for the Pre-planning Guide.

For those who are interested to tour their facilities you may contact Luciano (Lou) Cornacchia, Certified Executor Advisor at 416.423.1000 or 416.423.6386.

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