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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 10	Tues	8:15 am	Edith Pace☩	Circosta Family
Mar 11	Wed	8:15 am	Inderjeet Arjune - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Lina Arjune
		9:30 am	School Mass	
Mar 12	Thurs	8:15 am	Antonio & Juan Miranda☩	Thelma Miranda
Mar 13	Fri	8:15 am	Natalia & Rajesh Arjune – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Lina Arjune
		7:00 pm	Friday Mass Jenny Franchi – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Anna Benito & Giancarlo
		7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Mar 14	Sat	9:00 am	<u>Thanksgiving:</u> Lolita Bayon	Ligaya & Elena Manuel
		5:00 pm	Laurence De Vera All Parishioners	De Vera Family
Mar 15	Sun	9:30 am	Juan & Lucena Beltijar☩	Gene & Vivian Beltijar
		11:00 am	Remedios Dipasupil☩	Mel Cruz
		7:00 pm	Lolita Bayon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte

Sunday Gospel Reflections

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17.1-9



Becoming like God

In the Gospel this Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. **In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly “discloses His divine glory” (CCC 555).** Moreover, **“the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (CCC 556).**

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called *divinization*, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that “He was made man that we might be made God.”

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** states that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

*U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, 2002.



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PASTORAL NOTES

Baptism

1.5 Place

The preferred place for the celebration of Baptism is a person’s parish of territorial jurisdiction (domicile or quasi-domicile) or ethnic affiliation (personal parishes). Notwithstanding, Baptism may be administered at another parish church with a baptismal font, after consultation with one’s proper pastor. At minimum, the location must be a sacred space (church, chapel or authorized oratory), and the minister must always acquire permission of the local territorial pastor when baptizing outside his own territory, unless it is a case of danger of death.

1.6 Time

1.6.1 Factors in Determining Time of Baptism

The following is to be considered in setting a date for a Baptism:

- the health and welfare of the child;
- the health of the mother, as far as possible, so that she too can be present;
- pastoral considerations to allow sufficient sacramental preparation for the parents/guardians/Godparents;
- time for any legal or other issues to be settled;
- if the child is in danger of death, he or she should be baptized without delay, otherwise, the Baptism should take place within the first few weeks after birth.

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 & Stations of the Cross (after the mass)

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

First Holy Communion: Family Gathering Session 5

March 22, 2020 (Sunday) • 10:15am • Parish Hall

Holy Cross Lenten Confessions

March 27 (Friday) • 7:00 pm-9:00 pm • Church

Holy Cross Lenten Retreat

March 28 (Saturday) • 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 5

March 22, 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.

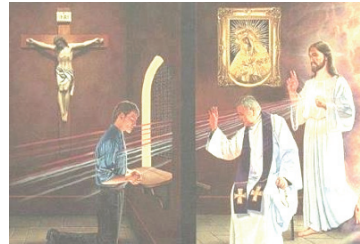
Friday Masses in observance of Lent & Stations of the Cross

Mass - 7:00 p.m. / Stations of the Cross (after the mass)

March 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.

Holy Cross Lenten Confessions



**27 March 2020 Friday
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Church**

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

RCIA Elect and Candidates from Holy Cross

On Sunday, March 1, the **5** catechumens (now the Elect): *Faith Thompson, Raymond Lui, Emily Yano, Devean Wansi and Brittany Williams* and the **3** Candidates: *Shirley Cespedes, Isabela von Doellinger and Laverne Parks* attended the **Rite of Election** with their sponsors at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. His Eminence Cardinal Collins celebrated the ceremony along with the RCIA members from the other churches in the Central Region. It was a solemn, holy and blessed celebration.

The Holy Cross Parish family is joyful to accompany them through their faith journey. Let us continue to pray for them as they enter the period of Enlightenment and Purification during Lent and as they journey towards their Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation which they will receive at the Easter Vigil.



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