



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.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 17	Tues	8:15 am	Remy & Jordan Circosta – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Circosta Family
Mar 18	Wed	8:15 am	Giuseppe Totino✠	Circosta Family
Mar 19	Thurs	8:15 am	Lolita Bayon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Mar 20	Fri	8:15 am	John Taylor – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Pauline Taylor
		7:00 pm	Evening Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross	
Mar 21	Sat	9:00 am	Cristeta Esplana✠ Conrado Sarmiento✠	Toni Tabaniag Carina Sarmiento Eleanor Houston
		5:00 pm	Isobel Beith – <i>for good health</i> All Parishioners	
Mar 22	Sun	9:30 am	Mercedes Olase✠	Fe & Vinda Olase
		11:00 am	Alisha D’Souza – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D’Souza Family
		7:00 pm	Rose Houston✠	Eleanor Houston

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4.5-42



Living in the Living Waters

In the Gospel today, we reflect on the episode of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was “tired” yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that “the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Through this image of water, Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children.

As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. It is important to have all of our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord’s grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

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PASTORAL NOTES **Baptism**

1.7 Celebration

1.7.1 Requirements for Validity

For validity, the same minister must simultaneously immerse the child, or pour the water, and pronounce the words: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

1.7.2 Baptismal Name

The custom of choosing a Christian name for Baptism is preferred but not required; the name, however, must not be contrary to Christian sensibility.

1.7.3 Ancillary Rites

If a Baptism was administered in danger of death and the child subsequently survives, the parents are to go to their parish church to complete the ancillary rites of Baptism. The child should be welcomed into the Church using the “Rite of Bringing a Baptized Child to the Church” in the Rite of Baptism for Children. The Baptism will already have been recorded in the parish in whose territory the hospital resides.

1.8 Donation

No fees can be demanded for the sacrament. However, a suggested donation may be given for the needs of the parish, according to the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese of Toronto. As regards to catechetical preparation for Baptism, some administrative donation may also be given for parish-based instruction to cover the costs of books and other materials. Accommodation must always be made, however, for those who cannot afford the donation, or for families who have multiple children receiving the sacrament at the same time.

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 20, 27 & Apr 3 • 7:00pm • Church

First Holy Communion: Family Gathering Session 5

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

Holy Cross Lenten Confessions

March 27 (Friday) • 5:30 pm-7:00 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.

Schedule of Lent and Holy Week Service/Mass

Friday Masses followed by the Stations of the Cross	March 20, 27 and April 3	7:00pm
Holy Cross Confessions	March 27, Friday	5:30pm-7:00pm
Holy Cross Lenten Retreat	March 28, Saturday	10:00am – 12:00nn

Palm Sunday	April 5	Sun	9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	Regular Mass
Holy Thursday	April 9	Thurs	7:00pm	*NO 8:15am Mass Celebration of the Lord's Supper Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm
Good Friday	April 10	Fri	3:00pm 7:00pm	*NO 8:15am Mass Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	April 11	Sat	8:00pm	*NO 9:00am & 5:00pm Mass Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 12	Sun	9:30am 11:00am	Regular Mass Regular Mass *NO 7:00pm Mass

RCIA : First Scrutiny

March 15 (Sunday) • First Scrutiny • 11am mass

Let us include the RCIA group in our prayers.

PABASA or "Reading of the Passion"

April 6, 7 & 8 (Mon, Tues, Wed)

10am - 4pm • Parish Hall

Pabása ng Pasyón (Tagalog for "Reading of the Passion"), known simply as **Pabása** is a Catholic devotion in the Philippines popular during Holy Week involving the uninterrupted chanting of the *Pasyón*, an early 16th-century epic poem narrating the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The verses are based on the bible and practiced every holy week.

You can contact 416-423-8616 and look for Lina Arjune.

Everyone is invited and welcome to join.

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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