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**Office Hours (Temporary):**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

**Morning Prayer:**

Tuesday thru Friday 7:45 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday 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**

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Mass Intentions**

OCT	DAY	TIME	MASS FOR	INTENTION/S	REQUESTED BY
5	Mon	8:15 am	Lorenzo Tan	Sick	Minda & Tess Que
6	Tues	8:15 am	Feliza Sto. Tomas	+	Remy Simbulan
7	Wed	8:15 am	Rodolfo Odvina	+	Greg & Corazon Beltjar
8	Thurs	8:15 am	Luis Manuel Calleja, Sr.	+	Our Lady of Holy Cross Parish Praesidium
9	Fri	8:15 am	Isidra Bauzon	+	Grace & Manny Lopez
10	Sat	9:00 am	Kianna Hamdan Irene Funk Cecille Boyer Nick Joyce	Thanksgiving + + Thanksgiving	Pat Boyer Pauline Taylor
		5:00 pm	All HC Parishioners		
11	Sun	9:30am	Magdalena Cruz	+	Len & Mirasol Tapawan
		11:30 am	Mel Cruz	Thanksgiving	Mel Cruz
		5:00 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>		

**Reflections on the Readings**

1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.6-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43



**The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

**Praying at all times**

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” These are the words from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians that we hear in today’s second reading. Elsewhere in his letter to the Thessalonians he says “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” St. Paul is urging us to pray in all circumstances and at all times.

But is it really feasible for us to pray at all times? While we may not be able to spend every moment praying in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. St. Josemaria Escriva says that “You can be sure that it is through the circumstances of ordinary life, ordained or permitted by the infinite wisdom of divine Providence, that we come close to God ... To this I now add that your work too must become a personal prayer, that it must become a real conversation with Our Father in heaven”.


As stewards, we can pray and be in union with God through our professional work as well as our charitable works for the parish community. If we offer up these moments of work to God as a means to commune with Him, we will begin to live out St. Paul’s exhortation to pray ceaselessly. Let us strive to never forget the dignity and value of our work as stewards of Christ.


*Summary*  
 In today’s second reading St. Paul urges us to pray ceaselessly in all circumstances. While we may not be able to spend every moment in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all of our acts as a prayer to God. Let us strive to intentionally realize the dignity of our professional work, and our work as stewards, as a means to be in communion with God.

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**OFFICE SCHEDULE**  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
 9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
 Due to Covid-19, the office is not open to the public yet until further notice.  
*Sorry for the inconvenience.*

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>	<b>CONFESSION</b>
Monday to Friday : 8:15 am <i>(Morning Prayer starts at 7:45 am)</i>	<i>by appointment</i> Every Saturday
Saturday : 9:00 am & 5:00 pm	starts at
Sunday : 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm	4:00pm – 4:45pm

 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Monday 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.

**Pope Francis Prayer to Our Lady  
to end Pandemic**



O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our  
journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health  
of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

You know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. *Amen.*

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Upcoming Second Collections**

As per memorandum from the Archdiocese dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, the second collection will take place on the following dates in addition to the regular parish collections:

- *Pope's Pastoral Works* : Oct. 3-4
- *World Mission Sunday* : Oct. 17-18
- *The Shepherds' Trust* : Nov. 14-15
- *ShareLife* : Sept. 12-13; Oct. 10-11; Nov. 7-8

You can still use your offertory envelopes intended for these collections or feel free to use other envelope/s.

**Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS for the  
First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

***Please wait for further updates.***

**For Mass Requests, Baptism, Wedding,  
Funeral and other inquiries**

Please send us an email at [holycrosscatholic@bellnet.ca](mailto:holycrosscatholic@bellnet.ca) or call 416-421-5225 (press 0), leave a detailed message and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can.

*For St. Vincent de Paul please press 3 and leave your message.*

**Saint of the Day – St. Francis of Assisi**



**What is St Francis of Assisi the  
patron saint of?**

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation.

**Stigmata, Final Days, and Sainthood**

Francis considered his stigmata part of the *Imitation of Christ*.<sup>0</sup> Cigoli, 1699

While he was praying on the mountain of Verna, during a forty-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas (29 September), Francis is said to have had a vision on or about 14 September 1224, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, as a result of which he received the stigmata. Brother Leo, who had been with Francis at the time, left a clear and simple account of the event, the first definite account of the phenomenon of stigmata. "Suddenly he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross. This angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ."<sup>[38]</sup> Suffering from these stigmata and from trachoma, Francis received care in several cities (Siena, Cortona, Nocera) to no avail. In the end, he was brought back to a hut next to the Porziuncola. Here, in the place where the Franciscan movement began, and feeling that the end of his life was approaching, he spent his last days dictating his spiritual testament. He died on the evening of Saturday, 3 October 1226, singing Psalm 142 (141), "*Voce mea ad Dominum*".

On 16 July 1228, he was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX (the former cardinal Ugolino di Conti, a friend of Saint Francis and Cardinal Protector of the Order). The next day, the Pope laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi. Francis was buried on 25 May 1230, under the Lower Basilica, but his tomb was soon hidden on orders of Brother Elias to protect it from Saracen invaders. His exact burial place remained unknown until it was re-discovered in 1818. Pasquale Belli then constructed for the remains a crypt in neo-classical style in the Lower Basilica. It was refashioned between 1927 and 1930 into its present form by Ugo Tarchi, stripping the wall of its marble decorations. In 1978, the remains of Saint Francis were examined and confirmed by a commission of scholars appointed by Pope Paul VI, and put into a glass urn in the ancient stone tomb. (*Excerpt from Wikipedia*)

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