

# HOLY CROSS PARISH

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

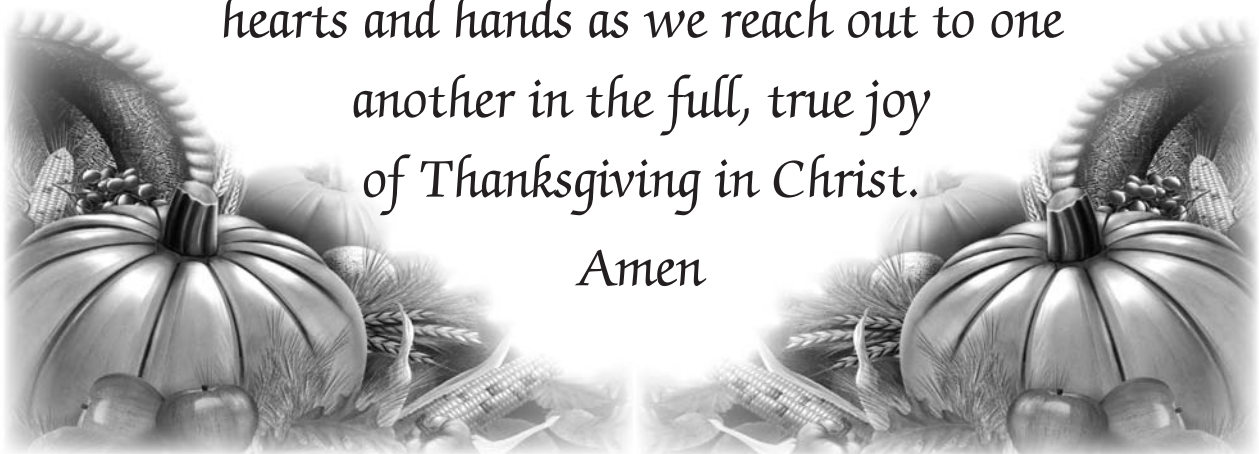
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle  
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,  
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.  
And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy  
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### **Mass Intentions**

OCT	DAY	TIME	MASS FOR	INTENTION/S	REQUESTED BY
12	Mon	8:15 am	<b>WILL HAVE MASS</b> but no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		
13	Tues	8:15 am	Gerald Emmanuel Hendricks	+	Louis Mathias
14	Wed	8:15 am	Connie Escabarte	Thanksgiving	Fe & Vinda Olase
15	Thurs	8:15 am	Isidra <u>Bauzon</u>	+	Gutierrez Family
16	Fri	8:15 am	Rodolfo <u>Odvina</u>	+	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
17	Sat	9:00 am	Joseph <u>Hamdan</u> Edhu Gutierrez Dominic Sai Moe	Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Thanksgiving	Lina <u>Arjune</u> Nelson & Nelia Ducusin Margaret Awng
		5:00 pm	Shelly Anne <u>Arjune</u>	Thanksgiving	Lina <u>Arjune</u>
18	Sun	9:30am	For the Deceased Members of Cervantes Family	+	Marie <u>Cervantes</u>
		11:30 am	George Purcell	+	Margaret Moreau
		5:00 pm	All HC Parishioners		

### **Reflections on the Readings**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14



#### ***The Parable of the Wedding Banquet***

#### ***Count Your Blessings***

We celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend which is a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. However, it is important to not relegate our gratitude to solely one weekend a year. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “the deepening of the ‘attitude of gratitude’ will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on.” Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude.

One practice that is often recommended to children is to “count your blessings.” There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

[www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

#### **OFFICE SCHEDULE**

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

Due to Covid-19, please email or call the office  
 and make an appointment before coming.

*Sorry for the inconvenience.*

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday : 8:15 am  
*(Morning Prayer starts at 7:45 am)*

Saturday : 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

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

#### **CONFESSION**

*by appointment*  
 Every Saturday

starts at

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.



Dear Parishioners,

Our world looks very different right now as we are facing a worldwide pandemic. We recognize this is a strange and uncertain time for all our parishioners and we are praying for your health during the Coronavirus pandemic. One thing we are certain of: our doors will reopen for public Masses one day without any restrictions.

During our temporary suspension of parish gatherings, we cannot forget to take care of our spiritual home; a home that has been there for us during our times of need, celebration, and to offer a path for the future when we return. Without you, our dedicated Catholic community, we may lose our cherished home.

Reduced Mass capacity is already having -- and will continue to have -- a serious impact on parish income. Unfortunately, our expenses do not significantly decrease. Some parishioners are also having their income affected by the restrictions currently in place because of the Coronavirus. They are facing challenges of their own, and it's entirely understandable that their parish support will decrease accordingly. But those who are able to continue supporting the Parish are asked to do so even if they are unable to come to Mass.

We need your help now, more than ever to ensure Holy Cross remains a faith-filled community of hope. In these uncertain times, I ask that you support Holy Cross in one of three ways:

1. Online through the "Support Your Parish" initiative through the Archdiocese of Toronto. The link can be found on our Home Page.
2. Online through our existing PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program. Contact the office for more information.
3. By placing a cheque in your traditional offertory envelopes and mailing to the parish office: Holy Cross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.

No matter how you chose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever. I am grateful to each of you for your generosity during this challenging time and throughout the year. God bless you always.

*Fr. Freddy Claudio, Pastor*

### ***First Holy Communion Resumes***

We will now resume the celebration of the **First Holy Communion** starting **November**.

This year's batch will be divided into three (3) groups and each group will be determined alphabetically by surname. 5 guests per child including parents.

#### **Reminders for parents:**

- (1) Please check your emails and the parish bulletin constantly for the **schedule** and further announcements.
- (2) If your child missed their "**First Reconciliation**", please email the parish by October 23 to make an appointment.
- (3) For those who do not have email address, we encourage you to please create your email for easier and faster communication.

### **Sacramental Preparations for the CONFIRMATION**

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

### ***Friendly Reminder with the use of the Offertory Envelopes***

Just a friendly reminder to all Parishioners that before dropping your envelope/s in the offertory box, please do not forget to **indicate the amount** of your donation for our proper recording.

*Thank you for your many contributions  
to our parish community.*

### ***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:

- *World Mission Sunday : Oct. 17-18*
- *The Shepherds' Trust : Nov. 14-15*
- *ShareLife : 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.*

### **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.

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