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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

OCT	DAY	TIME	MASS FOR	INTENTION/S	REQUESTED BY
26	Mon	8:15 am	Ding Dong Olase	+	Fe & Vinda Olase
27	Tues	8:15 am	Rosalina Costa	+	Theresa Reyes
28	Wed	8:15 am	Teresita Samson	+	
29	Thurs	8:15 am	For those who died of COVID19	+	
30	Fri	8:15 am	Ursula Jerina	Health	Hilda Jerina
31	Sat	9:00 am	Melchor, Leonila, Nieves & Caring Andrade	+	Magdalena
		5:00 pm	Dionisia Blas	+	Ninfa Gasis
Nov 1	Sun	9:30am	Crisanta Sotto	+	Rosario Tan
		11:30 am	For All the Deceased Clergy of Holy Cross Parish	+	
		5:00 pm	All HC Parishioners		

Why Sunday Mass?

A series Reflections by Fr. Freddy



Why do I have to go to Mass on Sunday?

For generations children have asked their parents this question. Today, many adults ask it too. It is an old and a new question at the same time, for though Mass remains the same, Sunday has changed.

In 1954, about 80% of Catholics attended Sunday Mass regularly. They included most young people. Now, fewer than 20% do, and numbers are still declining. In many parishes (churches), there are few young people going to church. The young people who go to Church are a MINORITY. They stand out among their peers.

The decline also affected other Christian churches. At the same time, the Canadian Sunday has changed. It has become secularized. Back then, very few people worked on Sunday. There were no hockey competitions, no football, no skiing, perhaps no television, few movies. It was harder to visit friends because fewer people had cars, and there were little public transport.

Churches were then one of the few places where people could meet on Sundays. Churches before sponsored church activities, sports activities, even organized dances and picnics. Therefore, people go to Church TO PRAY, and at the same time TO MEET with members of the community.

COMPARE that with today. Many people work on SUNDAYS. For others, Sunday is the only day they can sleep in, and do the shopping. Today, going to Church competes with FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, SKIING, MOVIES, TELEVISION, COMPUTER GAMES, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND FAMILY OUTINGS.

In 1954, too, community was easier to find. People were joiners. People liked to do things with others, and joined community groups. Now, community groups struggle for members. This reflects a more individualist society. People have more choices, and they emphasize their individual right to choose for themselves. They still look for connection, but ON THEIR OWN TERMS, and not in established groups.

Today, those who attend Sunday Mass regularly stand out from the majority of Catholics. They make a decision to go to Mass, choosing it over many other attractive things they could be doing.

(Next Bulletin issue: *Why Sunday became so important?*)

OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

Due to Covid-19, please email or call the office to 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 *except for holidays.*



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.

OCTOBER 25, 2020

SCHEDULE: *First Holy Communion*

For Batch 2019-2020 celebration of the First Holy Communion, below are the communicants' group based on the first letter of their **LAST NAME** and the **SCHEDULE** respectively.

- Nov. 13, 2020 – Friday : **A - E**
- Nov. 20, 2020 – Friday : **G - M**
- Nov. 27, 2020 – Friday : **Mo - W**

VENUE : HOLY CROSS CHURCH

5:30 pm : *Overview on the Importance of the Holy Eucharist* with Fr. Freddy.

Attendance is a MUST. *Please arrive 10 minutes earlier for the seating arrangements.*

6:00 pm : Celebration of the First Holy Communion

NOTE TO PARENTS:

- (1) Constantly check the parish bulletin and your email for important reminders and information and please **REPLY** to acknowledge the receipt of the email.
- (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 an 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.

Ways to Support Your Parish



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.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Second Collections

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

- *ShareLife : Nov. 7-8*
- *The Shepherds' Trust : Nov. 14-15*

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 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.

BOOK of REMEMBRANCE 2020

Due to the restrictions brought by COVID19, the Book of Remembrance for the Deceased will **NOT** be displayed this year. *Instead, you can:*

- (1) use the "**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**" available at the Church entrances and write the name/s of your departed loved ones; or
- (2) use a separate sheet of paper and indicate that it is for the "**All Souls Day Remembrance**".

You can put your donations inside the envelope and drop in the basket placed in front of the Altar for the whole month of November.

Thank you.



In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, on All Souls Day, Please Remember the Souls of:

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2 _____	8 _____
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