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further notice.

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*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

*Deacon Albert Dacanay*

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**Sunday Masses:**

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

**Morning Prayer:**

Monday to Friday 8:40 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am  
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other day 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:**

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

**Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

**Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242**

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
4 Mon 9 am	Sandra Maria Samson <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Javier & Samson Families
5 Tues 9 am	Anthony Argiloff +	Jo-Anne Wilson
6 Wed 9 am	Sixto & Gloria De Leon <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
7 Thurs 9 am	Mr. Kok Cuan +	Linda Cuan
8 Fri 9 am	Isidra Regala +	Beltjar & Ducusin Families
9 Sat 9 am	Ruben Gutierrez + Nicholas Joyce – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Holy Cross Pauline Taylor
5pm	All HC Volunteers & Parishioners	
10 Sun 9 am	Victor – <i>For Healing</i>	Raffaella
11 am	Ruben Gutierrez +	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin



## Meditate on *God's Word*

1st Reading : Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24

2nd Reading : Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel : Mark 10.2-16

*Teaching about Divorce & the Little Children*

### *The Origins of Stewardship*

In the first reading this Sunday we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live. It says in Genesis that, “the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it,” It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible.

To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet, He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

#### *Summary*

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet, He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure but to “till” the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



### *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 9:00 a.m. mass until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church *except on holidays.*



### *Let us pray for the sick*

Catherine Young Ron Skura  
Briccio Delizo

***We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.***

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

### To all Parents of Grades 2, 3, 7 & 8

We are now preparing for the registration on the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The **letters** and **registration forms** will be distributed in **Holy Cross Catholic School** by their respective teacher in charge on the second week of October 2021.

For students who registered for the **Confirmation in 2019**, we will be getting in contact with you by email. If there is a change in your email address please inform us at [holycrosssto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrosssto@archtoronto.org).

#### Registration & Parent Information Session

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**  
**November 6, Saturday**  
**Grade 2 @ 9:30 am / Grade 3 @ 11:00 am**  
*Parents only.*

**Confirmation**  
**October 30, Saturday**  
**Grade 7 @ 9:30 am / Grade 8 @ 11:00 am**  
*Parents and students MUST attend.*

**Venue: Holy Cross Parish Hall**

#### MUST bring the required documents:

- Registration Form. *Completely filled-up.*
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Photocopy)
- For Confirmation only: Sponsor's Baptismal or Confirmation or Marriage Certificate (Provide 1 photocopied document.)



## Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

24 September 2021

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies<sup>1</sup>, we<sup>2</sup>, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

In addition, the news item and apology can be accessed by visiting:  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/catholic-bishops-of-canada-apologize-to-the-indigenous-peoples-of-this-land/>

<sup>1</sup> Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (cccbb.ca)

<sup>2</sup> The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events

**For the meantime, our office is open every  
Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon only.**

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