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**Office Hours (Temporary):**

Office Closed until  
further notice.

Email for appointment.

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

*Deacon Albert Dacanay*

*Barbara J. Samson, Secretary*

**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**

## Mass Intentions

OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
18 Mon 9 am	Aurelia Dizon+	Cristy Dizon
19 Tues 9 am	Angela Hawaleshka+	Therese De Manche
20 Wed 9 am	Mr. & Mrs. Emiliano Encina+	Mitz Caldosos
21 Thurs 9 am	Alfred De Manche+	Therese De Manche
22 Fri 9 am	Ruben Gutierrez+	Gutierrez Family
23 Sat 9 am	Cameron Joyce – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Pauline Taylor
5pm	All HC Volunteers and Parishioners	
24 Sun 9 am	Felix & Natividad De Guzman+	Gene & Vivian Beltjar
11 am	Daria Marquez – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Daria Marquez



### 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 Fr. Bobby Cena

**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.*

## Meditate on

### God's Word



1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16

Gospel: Mark 10.35-45 – **The Request of James and John**

### Looking to our Role Model

As Christians, we are always called to seek ways of imitating Christ. The Catechism says that “in all of his life Jesus presents himself as *our model*. He is “the perfect man”, who invites us to become his disciples and follow him.” Jesus was also the perfect steward so we can constantly look to Him for guidance in our own commitment to stewardship.

However, many people may have reservations in trying to imitate Christ because it seems like an unattainable ideal. We may feel that Jesus, being God, doesn’t know what it’s like to struggle here on earth. However, this does not mean he didn’t have to fight the same fight that we do in our path towards virtue. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews says “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.”

St. Paul beautifully shows us that Christ fully understands what our struggles and difficulties are. Although He never succumbed to temptations, He too would have faced the desire to despair or give up on His call to love and sacrifice for us. Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth. Stewardship is not an impossible ideal, we just need the strength and guidance of God.

#### Summary

As Christians who are called to imitate Christ, we may sometimes feel that Jesus, being God, doesn’t know what it’s like to struggle here on earth. However, St. Paul says “we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.” Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth.

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

## R.C.I.A.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** - This program is designed for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith and wish to join the Church.

The **first session** will be on **November 7** at **11 am** in the Parish Hall.

*For more information, please contact the office.*



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

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

The **letters** and **registration forms** will be distributed in **Holy Cross Catholic School** by their respective teacher in charge.

For those 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 [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@archtoronto.org).

### Registration & Parent Information Session

#### **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

**November 6 (Sat.) Gr. 2 @ 9:30 am / Gr. 3 @ 11:00 am**  
*Parents only.*

#### **Confirmation**

**October 30 (Sat.) Gr. 7 @ 9:30 am / Gr. 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.)

### **For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral & other inquiries**

Please email us at [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@archtoronto.org) or call 416-421-5225 (press 0), leave a detailed message and we will call you as soon as we can.

### **For the meantime, the office is open every Monday & Friday from 10 am to 12 noon.**

Please email or call the office at 416-421-5225, press 0 and press 3 for St. Vincent de Paul for your inquiries.  
*We apologize for any inconvenience.*

*A friendly reminder... please*

Register Using **Eventbrite**

**for a Weekend Mass**

As we start the Sacramental Preparations program, we are expecting to receive a lot of registrations and our parish office will be overwhelmed for the preparations.

To be able to help us and the ushers lessen the burden, we ask you to please try and continue to learn to register on-line through Eventbrite for this will be the "new normal". You may ask assistance from your family members or friends.

*Thank you for your cooperation.* Here is the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/holy-cross-parish-30479451046>



Next week, **October 24<sup>th</sup> is World Mission Sunday**. It is a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday, will assist them to be self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most.



## **ANNUAL WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT**

**October 16-17 & 23-24**

It is time once again that every Parish will conduct its yearly Mass Attendance count. This exercise helps provide an accurate data in the Archdiocese for their upcoming regional/zone meetings. We would like to let you know that the counting will take place during the homily portion of the Mass.



## **BOOKINGS for 2022 MASS are now accepted!**

- Email us at [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@archtoronto.org)  
**We prefer to receive your bookings by email.** Our office is overwhelmed with parish work as we begin with the Sacramental Preparation Programs; or
- Fill up the **Mass Request Form** and drop it in the office's mail slot. *The form is available at the Church entrances.*  
You can give your donation either in cash or in cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish. *Thank you very much.*

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