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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**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
25 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Norberto Dizon +	Cristy Dizon
26 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Philip Ding-Dong Olase +	Fe & Vinda Olase
27 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Audrey Jacinto – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nerissa Jacinto
28 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Eustaquia Miranda +	Thelma Miranda
29 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Cesar Magat +	Magat Family
30 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All HC Volunteers and Parishioners</li> <li>• Cecilia De Geron +</li> <li>• Romeo Bautista +</li> <li>• Raulito Duot +</li> </ul>	Pat Boyer Amparo Family Lani Bolivar
5pm	Cecille Boyer +	Pat Boyer
31 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	For All The Deceased Clergy of HC Parish	Holy Cross Parish
11am	Nemie Caldos – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mitz Caldos

## Meditate on *God's Word*



1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52 – ***The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus***

### ***Raising our Hearts in Prayer***

As stewards, we are called to devote a portion of time every day to prayer. Prayer is what allows us to foster and deepen our relationship with God. However, we may sometimes be intimidated by prayer because we are unsure of what words to say or how to say them. We may seek to use complicated and inorganic formulas instead of simply praying in our own natural way.

Today's Gospel shows us that we don't really need to have our "act together" before we begin to pray. In the passage from Mark, we see the blind man Bartimaeus simply sitting on the roadside, yelling at Jesus in pure desperation. His posture probably wasn't reverent, his words not exactly eloquent, yet it was the most earnest prayer that he could have possibly made.

St. Therese of Lisieux says, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." This simple look towards Heaven is what Bartimaeus fully embodied and is what we too are called to imitate as stewards. Whenever we are in a difficult moment and feel that we cannot pray, let our prayer simply be to raise our minds to God and contemplate His goodness. In times of joy, perhaps our prayer is just to sit before the tabernacle with a spirit of genuine gratitude for all of our blessings. Let us strive to turn to prayer in all circumstance for these moments are very pleasing to God.

### ***Summary***

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<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  
Judith Quiamjot  
Fr. Bobby Cena  
Ron Skura

***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.*

## 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.

### FIRST SESSION

**Nov. 7th, Sunday @ 10:00 am, 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, registration forms and the list of the required documents** are available in our website - <https://holycrossto.archtoronto.org>.

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

#### Registration & Parent Information Session

##### **Confirmation**

**October 30 - Saturday**

**Grade 7 @ 9:30 am / Grade 8 @ 11:00 am**

*Parents and students MUST attend.*

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

**November 6 - Saturday**

**Grade 2 @ 9:30 am / Grade 3 @ 11:00 am**

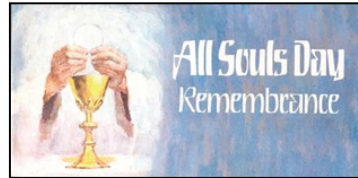
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#### **For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral & other inquiries**

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.*



## ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

For health and safety reasons, the Book of Remembrance for the Deceased will **NOT** be displayed this year.

Instead, you can use the **"ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES"** available at the Church entrances and write the names of your deceased loved ones. In memory of our faithful departed, we will offer prayers for the eternal repose of their souls for the whole month of November.

You can put your Mass offerings inside the envelope and drop in the donation box placed near the Altar.

*Thank you very much.*



## BOOKINGS for 2022 MASS are now accepted!

While our office is overwhelmed with parish work as we begin with the Sacramental Preparation Programs, we prefer to receive your bookings by:

- Email us at [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@archtoronto.org); 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.*



## 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference

*Calling all parish ministry leaders, coordinators & volunteers!!*

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come and join the virtual conference.

*To register, go to: [www.archtoronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoronto.org/conference)*

## Final ShareLife Sunday of 2021



**October 30 & 31**

Living the Gospel by supporting the **Deaf community** through the **Silent Voice**, the ShareLife funded agency providing virtual programming for Deaf children, among its many services in American Sign Language.

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