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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

NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Fr. Freddy Claudio – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
9 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Albert & Barbara Samson – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
10 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Nolasco Rada +	Cora Manrique
11 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Dan Ingrouville +	Nancy Ingrouville
12 9am	Arthur Valencia +	Tessie & Jing Guerrero
13 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur Valencia + • Gloria Anuat + • Flora Curaming+ & All the Deceased Members of Mamaril Family • All HC Volunteers and Parishioners 	Fernandez Family Mila Benedicto Severina Mamaril
5pm	Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
14 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	For all the Deceased Members of Bodreau & Doumouras Family +	Karin Doumouras
11am	Maireez Centeno & Family - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Monica Sigue

Meditate on

God's Word



1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44 – *The Widow's Offering*

Offering our All

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the account of the poor widow's treasury offering. Jesus observes many wealthy people put in large sums of money yet He only praises the lowly widow for her contribution of two small copper coins. He exclaims, "truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had." (Mark 12:43).

We can learn a great lesson in stewardship through the example of this widow who symbolically offered her entire life through her small monetary offering. We too are called to give our entire lives to God. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

Additionally, by giving everything she had, the widow is inherently saying "God I trust that you will take care of me." As stewards, do our sacrifices show that we trust God? To trust God means knowing that even though our time spent in the parish might mean we have less time for work or other commitments, that God will still bless us abundantly. Let us strive to give all we can and trust that God will take care of all our needs, for St. Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Summary

We can learn a great lesson in stewardship from the widow who put in all she had, two small copper coins, into the treasury. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

<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 Tuesday 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

Judith Quiamjot

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

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

The **REGISTRATION PACKAGES** can be downloaded from our website. Please click on *Parish Forms* under the *Our Community tab*.

For **Grade 9** students who registered for **Confirmation in 2019**, we have already emailed the **DATE** of the **FIRST SESSION**. Please acknowledge the receipt of the email to confirm your attendance.

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
November 20 (Saturday)**

Parents & Child	Family Gathering Session 1	Enrollment Ceremony
		<i>Parish Hall</i>
Grade 2	8:15 am	9:00 am
Grade 3	4:15 pm	5:00 pm

**Confirmation : For Grades 7 & 8
November 27 (Saturday)**

Enrolment Ceremony <i>(with Parents)</i>	Retreat <i>(Students only)</i>
Please arrive 15 minutes earlier because the ceremony will be a part of the Mass.	
<i>Church</i>	<i>Parish Hall</i>
9:00 am	10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral & other inquiries

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

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

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.



**St. Vincent De Paul
Christmas Activity**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting names of individuals and families who need help this Christmas. Please call **416-421-5225 (ext.3)** and leave your name, phone number, address and ages of children, if applicable. An SSVP volunteer will be in touch. Please note the **cut-off date** for this event is **Dec.3, 2021**.



Special Collection, November 14

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to ensure elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org.



**The Come & See – Day Retreat
November 20, Sat., 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
St. Augustine's Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Fr. Matthew McCarthy

Director of Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto

REGISTER: www.vocationstoronto.ca

EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

BOOKINGS for 2022 MASS are now accepted!

- Email us at holycrosssto@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.*

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

You can get your offertory envelopes from the ushers at the Church entrance after each Mass.



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