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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

Mass Intentions

DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Julius Vincent Olano +	Beltijar & Ducusin Families
7 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Sonny Ebe +	Severina Mamaril
8 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Ron Skura +	Joan Skura
9 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Vicente Wee, Sr. +	Victor Cabahug
10 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Fr. Freddy – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Severina Mamaril
11 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Nazare Vieira + • Carolyn Manrique – <i>Thanksgiving</i> • All HC Volunteers and Parishioners 	Maria Faria Cora Manrique
5pm	Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
12 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Gene & Vivian Beltijar – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Gene & Vivian Beltijar
11am	Mr. & Mrs. Dominador Valdez, Sr. +	Bonette Cruzada

Meditate on
God's Word



1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist

A Season for Evangelization

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John’s vocation in life was to “prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight.” He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.

Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.” This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.” We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

<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

Tirso 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.*



**St. Vincent De Paul's
SPECIAL COLLECTION**

On December 11 and 12, there will be a **second collection** for St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Assistance Program. Your donations will help fund their program to assist our neighbors in need especially for this coming holiday season.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATIONS**

**PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE
NEXT SCHEDULE**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION and
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

WHEN	2021		
	December 5 (Sunday)		December 18 (Saturday)
WHAT	Family Gathering Session 2		Sacrament of First Reconciliation
WHERE	Parish Hall (Students)	Church (Parents)	Church
Grade 2	10:15 am		10:30 am
Grade 3	12:15 pm		11:30 am

CONFIRMATION

WHEN	2021		
	EVERY SUNDAY before the Session	December 12	December 19
WHAT	MASS	Session 1	Session 2
WHERE	Church	Parish Hall	Parish Hall
Grade 7	11:00 am	12:15 pm	12:15 pm
Grade 8			
Grade 9			



2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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



**HOLY CROSS
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
2021 Advent**

Date	Time	Activities
Dec. 11 Sat.	10:00 am to 12:00 nn	Parish Advent Retreat Basement Hall
Dec. 14 Tues.	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Parish Advent Confessions Church
Dec. 15 to 23	7:00 pm	9-Day Novena Night Mass (Simbang Gabi), Church



**MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas &
New Year**

Date	Time	Activities
Dec. 24, Fri.	7:00 pm and 11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	10:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Dec. 25, Sat.	9:00 am and 11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 31, Fri.	7:00 pm	New Year Vigil Mass
Jan. 1, Sat.	9:00 am and 11:00 am	New Year's Day Mass



**POTTED POINSETTIAS
for Church Décor**

This coming Christmas, we humbly request our parishioners to help in our decorations by **donating**

potted red or white poinsettias for the Church.

If you wish to dedicate your flowers to someone who has passed away, please put the name/s in the pot and together, we will remember them at Mass on Christmas Day.

You may drop off your pots from **December 15-22** and **leave them near the Altar at the right side.** You can also bring them to the office every Monday and Friday from 10am-12nn.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. God Bless.

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