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**Office Hours (Temporary):**

Office Closed until  
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**

*Mass Intentions*

DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
13 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Carolyn Manrique – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Cora Manrique
14 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Remedios & Rolando Marquez +	Marlene Tecson
15 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Mitz Caldosos – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mitz Caldosos
16 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Draya & Dennison Ducusin – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
17 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Gregorio Beltijar +	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
18 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodolfo Montille +</li> <li>• Felisberto Olase +</li>   <li>• Ligaya Kelly – <i>Thanksgiving</i></li> <li>• For all the Living &amp; the Deceased Members of Miranda Family</li> <li>• For all the Deceased Members of Ramos and Prado Families</li> <li>• Kiko Ramos - <i>Health</i></li> <li>• All HC Volunteers and Parishioners</li> </ul>	Galla Bertoia Art & Siony Libatique Fe Olase & Beth Escabarte Thelma Miranda  Imelda Ramos  Imelda Ramos
5pm	Fred Olase +	Fe & Vinda Olase
19 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Greg Beltijar +	Corazon Beltijar
11am	Elena Valdez +	Bonette Cruzada

**Meditate on**  
*God's Word*



**1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a**

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 3.10-18 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist**

**An Attitude of Gratitude**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

*Summary*

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

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*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*



**Kiko Ramos**

*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

**PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE NEXT SCHEDULE**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

WHEN	2021	2022	
		December 18 (Saturday)	January 9 (Sunday)
WHAT	Sacrament of First Reconciliation	Family Gathering <i>Session 3</i>	
WHERE	Church	Parish Hall (Students)	Church (Parents)
Grade 2	10:30 am	10:15 am	
Grade 3	11:30 am	12:15 pm	

### CONFIRMATION

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

### USE OF HALL for the HOLY MASS CELEBRATION

If there are no available seats in the Church, please proceed to the Hall. A projector screen was set up for you to be able to partake in the celebration of the Holy Mass.



#### Friendly reminder...

- Please occupy the middle seat first to avoid traffic. The ushers will guide you to find a seat.
- Please register online to attend the Mass.



### 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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



## HOLY CROSS SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES *Advent 2021*

Date	Time	Activities
Dec. 14 <i>Tues.</i>	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Parish Advent Confessions <i>Church</i>
Dec. 15 to 23	7:00 pm	9-Day Novena Night Mass ( <u>Simbang Gabi</u> ), <i>Church</i>



## MASS SCHEDULE *Christmas & New Year*

Date	Time	Activities
December 24 <i>Friday</i>	9:00 am 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm	No Mass Christmas Eve Masses
	10:30 pm	Christmas Carols
December 25 <i>Saturday</i>	9:00 am and 11:00 am	Christmas Day Masses
December 31 <i>Friday</i>	9:00 am 7:00 pm	No Mass New Year's Vigil Mass
January 1 <i>Saturday</i>	9:00 am and 11:00 am	New Year's Day Mass

### MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE for

### *9 Days Novena Mass (Dec. 15-23)*

If you want to book for Mass intentions during the 9 Days Novena Mass, please feel free to send us an email or leave a **detailed** voice message.



## OFFICE

- Dec. 24 (Fri) : NO 9am Mass
- Dec. 27 (Mon) : NO 9am Mass
- Dec. 28 (Tues) : Mass @ 9 am
- Dec. 31 (Fri) : NO 9am Mass
- Jan. 3 (Mon) : Mass @ 9 am

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