

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
20 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Fr. Freddy Claudio – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Bella Celestial
21 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Andrew Schreck +	Carol Belenchuck
22 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	For all the Deceased Members of Ambrosini Family +	Incoronata Ambrosini
23 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Anthony Argiloff +	Jo-Anne Wilson
24 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	No Mass Intentions	
25 <i>Sat, 9am 5pm</i>	No Mass Intentions	
26 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Karin Doumouras – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Karin Doumouras
11am	All HC Volunteers and Parishioners	

Meditate on God's Word



1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45 – *The Visitation*

Lessons from our Mother

Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her.

Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary “went with haste” to help Elizabeth. As stewards, we should not sit idle by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support.

Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn't so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her. As stewards, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who says, “I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

Summary

After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship and we can learn a great deal by reflecting on her visitation. Firstly, we should imitate Mary's “haste” in her visitation so that whenever we see a need in our parish community, we can readily use our gifts to help. Secondly, just as Mary brought the Child Jesus with her in her womb, we too need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good, but Christ dwelling within 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

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.*

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.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE NEXT SCHEDULE

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

WHEN	2022			
	January 9 <i>(Sunday)</i>		January 23 <i>(Sunday)</i>	
WHAT	Family Gathering Session 3		Family Gathering Session 4	
WHERE	Parish Hall <i>(Students)</i>	Church <i>(Parents)</i>	Parish Hall <i>(Students)</i>	Church <i>(Parents)</i>
Grade 2	10:15 am			
Grade 3	12:15 pm			

CONFIRMATION

WHEN	EVERY SUNDAY before the Session	2021	2022
		December 19 <i>(Sunday)</i>	January 16
WHAT	MASS	Session 2	Session 3
WHERE	Church	Parish Hall	
Grade 7	11:00 am	12:15 pm	
Grade 8			
Grade 9			



Please **UPDATE** your Mailing Home Address for the 2021 Tax Receipt Issuance

If there is a change in your home address, please send us an email at holycrosssto@archtoronto.org as soon as possible.

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 assist you to find a seat.
- Please register online to attend the Mass.



9-DAY ADVENT NOVENA NIGHT MASS 2021 *(Simbang Gabi)*

Until December 23, 2021
7:00 pm.

Together, let us honor the Blessed Mother and ask for her intercession for the pandemic to end and for peace in the world.

We will be having voluntary donation envelopes for the 9-day Novena. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



MASS SCHEDULE *Christmas & New Year*

Date	Time	Activities
December 24 <i>Friday</i>	9:00 am	No Mass
	7:00 pm and 11:00 pm	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	No Mass
	7:00 pm	New Year's Vigil Mass
January 1 <i>Saturday</i>	9:00 am and 11:00 am	New Year's Day Mass



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



2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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