

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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HOPE • FAITH

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Mass Intentions

DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
27 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	No Mass	
28 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Suresh Alfred +	Angela Alfred
29 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Mila Benedicto - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Claudette Wilson
30 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Bella Celestial – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Bella Celestial
31 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	No Mass	
JAN 1 <i>Sat, 9am 5pm</i>		
2 <i>Sun, 9am 11am</i>	All HC Volunteers and Parishioners Francesco Cupelli +	Carl D'Souza and Family

Christmas Message 2021 from the Pastor

Do you consider yourself **“CHRISTIAN?”** How do you celebrate Christmas?

Christians celebrate Christmas as a **“Feast of Faith.”** Without Faith, Christmas will only be something social. Christmas is a **GIFT** wrapped in **LOVE** to be received in **Faith**. When we wish everyone **“Merry Christmas!”**, we should remember that **“Christmas”** is a fruit of faith. Christmas can only be merry because **LOVE** was revealed to us and came to live among us – the **GOD** with us, the **EMMANUEL!**

Unfortunately, Christmas has been claimed by everybody as a “long weekend holiday” of joy without remembering HIM who brought that reason for joy. Christmas has become a season of shopping and gift giving, but people have forgotten how difficult it must have been for Mary and Joseph to find a room in the inn, and the unfortunate couple continues to be rejected in our broken homes. This rejection also leads our rejection of Jesus, whom they want to bring into our hearts and homes!

Christmas is God’s gift to us, because it is the greatest feast of all. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift of all this Christmas, let us regain the real merriment of Christmas and return to the real reason for the season. By faith, all these will be possible. Christmas is God’s gift to us. And so this season we pray: *“Emmanuel, God with us, increase our faith. Set our faith in fire again. Help us to live our faith with courage. Use us to spread faith in our families and our parish. Lord, increase our faith! Emmanuel, strengthen our faith!”*

Have a blessed Christmas everyone!

Fr. Freddy



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	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	2022		
		January 16	January 30	February 6
WHAT	MASS	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
WHERE	Church	Parish Hall		
Grade 7	11:00 am	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 assist you to find a seat.
- Please register online to attend the Mass.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mass-registration-tickets-109743060448>



MASS SCHEDULE Christmas & New Year

Date	Time	Activities
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



OFFICE

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



Please **UPDATE** your **MAILING ADDRESS** for the 2021 Tax Receipt Issuance

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

For OFFERTORIES received after **December 31st**, the tax receipt will be issued in 2023.



2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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