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Office Hours (Temporary):

Office Closed until further notice.

Email for appointment.

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor

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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.

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299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

JAN	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
10 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Eliseo Cruz, Jr. +	Yvette Cruz-Beltran
11 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Yvette Cruz-Beltran – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Yvette Cruz-Beltran
12 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
13 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Francheska Jenel Factor – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Yvette Cruz-Beltran
14 <i>Fri, 9am</i>		
15 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angelo Beltran – <i>Thanksgiving</i> • All HC Volunteers and Parishioners 	Yvette Cruz-Beltran
5pm	Cesina & Mike Pulla +	Adriana Cammisa
16 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Ruel & Edhu Gutierrez – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	The Doumouras Family
11am	For all the Deceased Members of Jerina & Weber Families	Ursula Jerina

Meditate on God's Word



1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22 – The Baptism of Jesus

Becoming Role Models

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of “baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.” Let us reflect on how Jesus’ baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.

Firstly, Jesus didn’t need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship.

Summary

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn’t need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

<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

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.*

Memo from the Archdiocese (Excerpt) Church capacity limit set at 50%

The provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to a modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopening. These changes will take effect with most restrictions lasting a minimum of 21 days.

Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-Covid capacity however distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) must be maintained by those not from the same family.

Given the increased potential of positive cases for those who may have attended church, **contact tracing remains a best practice (either online registration or self sign-in)**. Wherever possible, **an e-mail address provides the fastest way to reach large number of attendees should notification be required following a positive case.**



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

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



Sacramental Preparations FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

All SESSIONS are POSTPONED until further notice.
All communications will be sent through email.



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS Mon & Fri from 10 am to 12 nn

[For Baptism, Wedding, Funeral & other inquiries](#)

Please email or call us at 416-421-5225 press 0 (Office) and press 3 (St. Vincent de Paul), leave a detailed message and we will call you as soon as we can.

We apologize for any inconvenience.



Please UPDATE your MAILING ADDRESS for the 2021 Tax Receipt Issuance

If there is a change in your home address, please email us as soon as possible.



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

READY FOR PICK-UP! 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



You can get your offertory envelopes from the ushers at the Church entrance after each Mass or email us for pick-up appointment.



1. **IN-PERSON:** Drop your regular weekly offertory contribution in the box placed at the entrance of the Church or drop off in the office's mail slot.
2. **MAIL:** You can mail a cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish at 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.
3. **ONLINE:** Copy and use this link - <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-parish-offertory>. Select "Holy Cross Parish, Toronto" in the drop-down menu. You can make a *one time or recurring* contribution to our parish offertory or other special funds.
4. **PRE-AUTHORIZE GIVING (PAG):** You can email us or obtain a form from the parish office or from the church entrances. Return the completed form with a voided cheque to the office for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

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and for your many contributions to our parish community.

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