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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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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
MAR	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
28 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Nitz Amparo – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Grace Mahia
29 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Helen Chan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Pauline Taylor
30 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Enrique Zaño +	Nemie & Mitz Caldoso
31 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Owen Taylor – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Pauline Taylor
APRIL 1 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Enrique Zaño +	Nemie & Mitz Caldoso
7 pm 7:30 pm	Remedios Marquez + Stations of the Cross	Marlene Tecson
2 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose & Noveliches Bayon + <i>Thanksgiving Mass:</i> • Erwin, Maireez & Enzo Centeno <i>and Family</i> • Annie Tayong • Lolita Bayon • All Parishioners 	Lolita Bayon Monica Sigue - Oscar & Severina Mamaril
5pm	Ma. Paz Beltran +	Orillanes Family
3 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Gerry Boudreau +	The Doumouras Family
11am	Danilo Pagkalinawan +	Nemie & Mitz Caldoso

Meditate on God's Word



1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 – The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Approaching the Mercy of God

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

Summary

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son which offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are shown that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. God longs to forgive us, so let us strive to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent to prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

<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.*

Prayer for Ukraine

(prepared by Canadian
Conference of Catholic Bishops)



God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide
their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-
risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect
them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



**Congratulations
to all
Confirmandi**

We would like to congratulate the 53 young boys and girls who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on March 25 and 26. May your spiritual journey continue and your faith on God prevail.

We would also like to thank all the catechists, volunteers and teachers, especially Ms. Sandy Gunter, the principal of Holy Cross School for all the support in our parish sacramental activities.

2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITIES	MASS/SERVICE TIME
Every Friday up to April 8	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm Starts with 7:00 pm Mass
April 2 (Saturday)	Parish Lenten Retreat	10:00 am to 12:00 nn
April 5 (Tuesday)	Parish Lenten Confessions	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
April 10 (Sunday)	Palm Sunday <i>Palm leaves distribution at the Church entrance.</i>	Saturday : 5:00 pm Sunday : 9:00 am & 11:00 am
April 11, 12, 13 (Mon, Tues, Wed)	Regular Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:00 am to 10:00 am
April 14 (Thursday)	Holy Thursday <i>Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the Feet</i>	NO 9:00 am Mass 7:00 pm <i>Followed by Adoration until 10pm</i>
April 15 (Friday)	Good Friday <i>Liturgy of the Passion of Christ</i> Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon & 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
April 16 (Saturday)	Holy Saturday <i>Easter Vigil</i>	NO 9:00 am Mass 7:00 pm
April 17 (Sunday)	Easter Sunday	9:00 am & 11:00 am
April 18 (Monday)	Easter Monday (OFFICE is CLOSED)	9:00 am

Announcing the 2022 ShareLife Campaign

March 27, May 1 and June 5



Your donation can be made at the parish or online at <https://sharelife.org/> or monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your contribution throughout the year. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions. **Our Parish goal is \$32,000.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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