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Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 3:00pm.

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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>		
SEPT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
5 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	NO MASS LABOUR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	
6 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	All deceased members of Ambrosini Family +	Incoronata Ambrosini
7 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Special Intentions- Guardians & Angels	Incoronata Ambrosini
8 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	In Honor of Mother Mary & Holy Family	Lella
9 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	In Honor of all Saints, Holy Angels, St Christopher, St Expedipe & Canadian Martyrs	Lella
10 <i>Sat, 9am</i> 5:00pm	>For Safe Travel >For all the blessings received >All deceased members of Binajbay & Baria Family + >All souls in purgatory >World Peace All Parishioners	Julia Baria Julia Baria Julia Baria Julia Baria Julia Baria
11 <i>Sun, 9am</i> 11 am	Lydia & Joseph Queman Thanksgiving Romeo & Julia Baria 52 nd wedding anniversary thanksgiving	Lydia Queman Julia Baria

Meditate on God's Word



1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18
2nd Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14.25-33 – The Cost of Discipleship

Giving the Gift of Ourselves At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward. Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well. As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

Summary:

Jesus says "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." The Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views everything as gifts from God that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are starting up, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others?

<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.*



Pastor's Corner

Fr. Godofredo Claudio

Welcome Back!

My parents always showed to us how important food is. This can be seen in their constant reminders about food. There are three very common aspects that can be highlighted:

First: "Have you eaten?" This is the first question often asked of visitors to our homes or parents to their children. It is an affirmation of life. Food is life. We eat to live, and be sustained. Jesus Himself is the One who invites us to eat. He is also the One who gives us the food. He says: "I am the Bread of Life." And Jesus today asks us: "Have you eaten?" Jesus is welcoming us back to come to the Holy Mass every Sunday, which is our day of worship, so that we will be fed by Jesus with His body in Holy Communion.

Second: "What do you want to eat?" Special dishes or the favorite food are usually served during special occasions in a person's life. We want the best food when we truly want to celebrate. It is filling to eat at the Eucharistic celebration because we feast on food, not for our body, but for our souls; food that will bring us to everlasting life. During the Holy Mass, we can receive the real food that gives eternal life! Jesus is inviting us once again to come back to Church on Sundays. Let us bring our loved ones with us in attending the Holy Mass. When Sunday comes, our day of worship and thanksgiving, let us invite them, "come, let us go to Mass, let us receive Holy Communion together and be filled with God's grace and blessings."

Third: "Let us give due respect and proper regard for food." Food should not be wasted; it should not be laid to rot and thrown away. In the Mass, we partake of the Bread of Life. When we go to Mass, we should make sure that we are clean, from head to toe. Our clothes must be decent and simple, not inviting unwanted stares, not causing people to be scandalized. We must be worthy to receive Jesus through Holy Communion by being clean and pure, not only on the outside but more importantly, inside, by going to confession.

Jesus is inviting us to go back to our Sunday Mass. Do not be afraid, He is there to welcome us back!

Commencing our 94th Family Day Celebration

Sept 14 - 9am & 6pm Mass

Sept 17 - Dinner & Dance @ 6pm in the Parish Hall
A meet and greet welcome back get together for all the Parishioners, it is our pleasure to have you here again, we genuinely felt your absence so much!

Sept 18 - BBQ Sunday Church lawn @ 12 noon
Bouncy castle for children; burgers/ hotdogs/waters at a very reasonable price.

Tickets for Dinner & Dance now on sale

Contact Person: Claudette Wilson / Holy Cross Office

Donations: The kindness and support of donors such as you are much appreciated. Believing that God will bless you beyond measure as you give and support.



Join the *Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' Series*
Every Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m.

Sept. 6, 13, 27 + Oct. 4, as we continue our study on "SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: Part IV". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbours In Need

Bundle up Weekend

September 24 & 25 (Saturday & Sunday)
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Please bring your donations to the track parked at the back of the Church on the weekend of Sept 24/25. A member of the Society will be available at the truck between 9am to 6pm both days.

What we accept: Any clothing, footwear, bedding (any condition) drapery, towels, toys (new only)

Don't accept: Baby items. construction material, dishes, furniture, books.



Thor Gaddiel Ledoux

On this special day and always may God look down on you, cherish you and keep you safely in his care. Congratulations Thor!

Thank you to all of you who have generously supported our parish even in the midst of such trying times. At times like these we can appreciate more profoundly the gift of faith and the importance of belonging to a parish family like ours.

Mass Schedule (Sept 5 to 11)

Sept 5	No Mass, No Blessed Adoration
Sept 6 to 9	9am Mass, followed by Blessed Adoration
Sept 10	9am & 5pm Mass
Confession	4pm to 4:30pm
Sept 11	9am & 11am Mass

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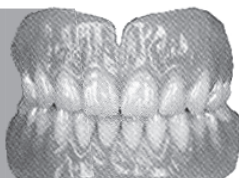
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