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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00pm

*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:**

Tuesday 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.

**Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242**

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

**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

*Mass Intentions*

SEPT/OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
26 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
27 Tues, 9am	Pedro Curaming & all the deceased members of Curaming & Mamaril Family +	Severina Mamaril
28 Wed, 9am	Erlinda Celemen +	Lou & Ching Fernandez
29 Thurs, 9am	Erlinda Celemen +	Severina Mamaril
30 Fri, 9am	Patricia Le Blancq +	Therese de Manche
OCT 1 Sat, 9am Family Day  5:00pm	Zenaida P. Santos – Thanksgiving Labang Family – Thanksgiving Winnie & Edwin Villamayor Family - Thanksgiving Claire Aaron- Healing Dra Cynthia Palacol Alcantara + All Parishioners	Rufina Baquial  Augustine Labang  Monica Sigue  Claudette Wilson Luzviminda Muega  .....
OCT 2 Sun, 9am 11 am	The Doumouras Family- Thanksgiving Florence & James Wong +	Karin Doumouras  Bennett & Robert Wong

Meditate on  
*God's Word*



1st Reading: Revelation 12.7-12a  
2nd Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14  
Gospel: John 1.47-51 – Jesus calls Nathaniel  
Joining the Celestial Battle

All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelation, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society. This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer “always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God” (CCC 2725). The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

Summary  
As we contemplate the celestial battle between the angels and demons we should ask ourselves, how can we join the fight? A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer, which the catechism describes as a battle. Let us strive to commit to praying daily and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

<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.*



**Our Saturday Dinner & Dance and Sunday Family BBQ** event were a great success! Much of this is due to our parishioners generous giving and volunteers who helped us to continue to expand our mission to provide the community resources. We truly appreciate everyone who attended and participated to make our 94<sup>th</sup> Family Day anniversary a blast. We hope you had fun, and we hope you will consider doing the same next year.



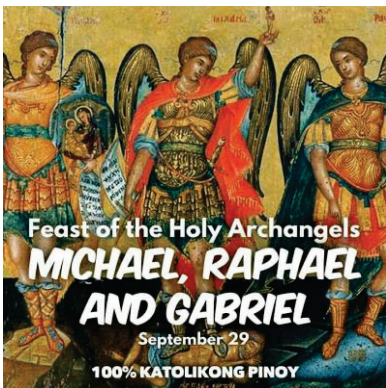
The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting Holy Cross Catholic School once a month to pray the Rosary with the students for more than 20 years. We are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit the schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. Training, screening and materials will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact:  
Dolores Marquez at 416-269-2478 or Maria Dawson at 416-424-125



Join the *Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' Series*  
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O holy Archangel, the devil has many weapons to employ against me at the hour of my death; these weapons are my sins, by which he will then endeavour to throw me into despair; he is also preparing furious assaults of temptations to cause me then to fall again into sin. You, who conquered him and expelled him from heaven, conquer him again for me and drive him far away from me at the hour of my death; I beseech you to grant this my prayer, for the love of that God, Who so much loves you and whom you so much love. O Mary, Queen of heaven, procure for me the assistance of St Michael at the hour of my death. Amen



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS**

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. To all parents of Grades 2 & 7.

We are now preparing for the registration on the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The letters and registration forms will be distributed in Holy Cross Catholic School by their respective teacher in charge in the coming weeks.

**Registration & Parent Information Session**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Nov 5, Saturday @ 10:30am ----- Parents only.

**CONFIRMATION**

October 29, Saturday @ 10:30am

Parents and Youth **MUST** attend.

VENUE: Holy Cross Parish Hall

**Must bring the required documents:**

- Registration Form. Completely filled-up.
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Photocopy)
- For Confirmation only: Sponsor's Baptismal or Confirmation or Marriage Certificate (Provide 1 photocopied document)

Looking forward to meeting you all.



**October 1/2, 2022 Special Collection** - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Our country continues to undergo an examination of our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. The Catholic Church in Canada has been deeply engaged in the journey of healing and reconciliation, most notably through the visit of Pope Francis this past

summer. As part of our ongoing efforts, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a firm commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Bishops of Canada have made a \$30-million collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives among Indigenous Peoples. The archdiocese will contribute six million dollars towards the national pledge. The collection on October 1/2 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

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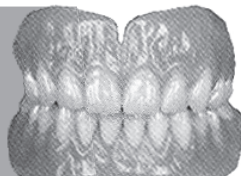
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