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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.

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**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
3 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Erwin Maireez Enzo & Centeno Family - Thanksgiving	Monica Sigue
4 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Erlinda Celemen +	Fe & Vinda Olase
5 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Labang Family - Thanksgiving	Augustine Labang
6 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Mr Kok Cuan +	Linda Cuan
7 <i>Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte – Thanksgiving Holy Hour Mass	Elena, Ligaya & Lolita
8 <i>Sat, 9am Family Day</i>	All Parishioners Macarayan Family – Thanksgiving Elisa Leiti + Desmond Leahy +	..... Teresita Macarayan  Maria del Carmen Peggy Leahy
5:00pm	Labang Family- Thanksgiving	Augustine Labang
9 <i>Sun, 9am 11 am</i>	Magdalena Cruz +  Cesina & Mike Pulla +	Len & Myrna Tapawan Adriana Cammissa & Sergio Pulla

# Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection  
Luke 17:5-10

### The Gift of Faith

How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner. This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God. By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling.

### Summary

It is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the same words found in the Gospel today, "increase our 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.*

### Municipal Elections 2022 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for these candidates to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 1/2 through October 22/23. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

### Holy Cross School Activities

- Oct 4 Grade 7 and 8 Vaccination Clinic Library out of use  
Curriculum Night 5:45-6:45 pm
- October 5: Day Budget Meeting CSPC
- Oct 7: P.A. Day
- October 10: Thanksgiving



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 416-424-1257

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### A Prayer on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Oct 4



Dear St. Francis,

As I pray in this small church you and your friends built by hand, stone by stone, help me and all followers of Jesus to build a church today that has as its foundation the Gospel mandate of unconditional love, mercy, compassion, justice, peace and reconciliation. Recognizing that the reign of God is at hand, help me and all followers of Jesus to build a church that seeks repentance and conversion and is committed to living

and proclaiming the reign of God. Through your intercession, help the church to be a true sign of fidelity to the Gospel, renouncing wealth and power, and embracing voluntary poverty and simplicity. Help all followers of Jesus to create a church of true communion, recognizing that each person is a special member of the body of Christ. A church that embraces each person as equal in God's eyes; a church that acknowledges its sin's and seeks forgiveness for any harm done to others; a church that denounces racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination; a church where the dignity of each person is revered and all are welcomed and cherished; a church of servant leaders. Empower all followers of Jesus to embrace Gospel nonviolence and be a prophetic witness for peace and social justice, without counting the cost. Help us to make the church truly be a peace church, a church that renounces all injustice, violence, killing, weapons and war, and always advocates for the poor and the victims. As you loved peace and creation, help all people to protect and safeguard all life and our sacred earth and environment. Help all people who comprise the church to always stand for love, life and creation. Amen.

#### Friendly Reminder with the use of the Offertory Envelopes

Just a friendly reminder to all Parishioners, before dropping your envelope/s in the offertory box, please do not forget to indicate your name & the amount for our proper recording & accounting. Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

**When : Oct 29 Saturday**

**What: Registration & Parent info. Session**

**Where: Parish Hall**

**Grade 7 @ 11:00am**

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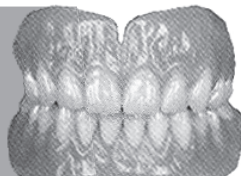
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