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

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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:

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

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Luke 19.1-10 - Jesus and Zacchaeus

Giving our First Fruits

The image of Zacchaeus, a man short in stature climbing a tree to see Jesus, is probably one that is very familiar to us. However, despite this familiarity, there is a deep message that can often be overlooked. When Zacchaeus has a conversion experience, he vows not only to correct the wrong he has done, but to give back "four times as much." Zacchaeus teaches us that we shouldn't give the bare minimum but seek greater generosity in our gifts, especially of our time and talents. The USCCB's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* proclaims that "stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in advance, from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after other obligations have been met) about what will be given." We should periodically ask ourselves, are we really giving God the best of our time and talents or do other obligations take priority? For example, with respect to time, we should strive to establish and protect scheduled moments of daily prayer. Likewise, with our talents, we should try to offer our gifts first for the good of the church before our own personal interests. For example, do we rarely volunteer or only assist at the parish volunteer days when we happen to have leftover time, or do we proactively schedule our week so as to ensure that it is a priority? Let us prayerfully review how we use our time and talents and seek ways to better serve the Kingdom of God within our parishes.

Summary

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT/NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
31 Mon, 9am	Florence and James Wong +	Bennett & Robert Wong
Nov 1 Tues, 9am 7pm	In Memory of All the Saints & All the Departed Clergy of Holy Cross Parish	Holy Cross Parish
2 Wed, 9am 7pm	In Memory of All the Faithful Departed	Holy Cross Parish
3 Thurs, 9am	Priscilla Beltran Ferrer +	Yvette Cruz Beltran
4 1st Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Melanio & Francisca Macarayan + Holy Hour All Deceased members of Escabarte Family	Teresita Macarayan Connie & Beth Escabarte
5 Sat, 9am 5:00pm	Matilde Escabarte & Emrick Kenneth Mandapat – for health In honor of Holy Family, Blessed Trinity, Holy Saints & Holy Angels Erlinda Curaming Celemen + All Parishioners Speedy healing & recovery for Nicola	Connie & Beth Escabarte Lella Mila Benedicto Lella
6 Sun, 9am 11 am	Felix & Natividad de Guzman + Valentine Labang +	Vivian Beltjar Labang Family

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.

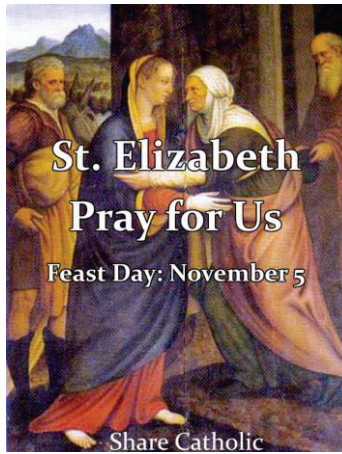
If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation And First Eucharist

Nov 5 Registration & Info. Session (Grade 2) (Parents & kids)	Parish Hall @ 9:30am
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Happy Feast of St. Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist.

According to the Gospel of Luke, Elizabeth had lived a blameless life with her husband in one of the hill-towns of Judea. Having reached an advanced age with her prayers for a son unanswered, she thought that her barrenness was a reproach. One day, while Zachary was serving in the temple, the Angel Gabriel appeared at the right of the altar, and announced that a son would be born to Elizabeth. It

was in the sixth month of her pregnancy that the Virgin Mary came to visit her.

The Virgin Mary, eager to share in Elizabeth's happiness and to confide that she too would bear a child, traveled down the dusty road from Nazareth. On Mary's arrival, she was amazed when Elizabeth, having foreseen knowledge, greeted her as "mother of my Lord." Elizabeth's salutation was in these words: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And how have I deserved that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, the moment that the sound of thy greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who has believed, because the things promised her by the Lord shall be accomplished."



Bookings for 2023 MASS are now accepted.

Email us at holycrosssto@archtoronto.org

Fill up the Mass Request Form and drop it in the office's mail slot. The form is available at the Church entrances.

You can give your donation either in cash or in cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish. Thank you very much.



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All Souls Day Mass Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate

in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: • Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English) • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

5. 2 Corinthians 9:13-15 You will honor God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. With deep affection they will pray for you because of the extreme kindness that God has shown you. I thank God for his gift that words cannot describe.

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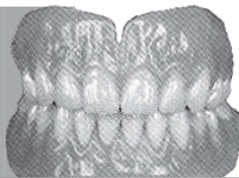
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