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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

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
7 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Lydia Flores Quemam - Thanksgiving	Lydia Quemam
8 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Fr. Godofredo Claudio - Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
9 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Albert & Barbara Samson - Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
10 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Domenico de Fazio +	Raffaella de Fazio
11 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Dan Ingrouville +	Ingrouville Family
12 <i>Sat, 9am</i>	All decease members of Benedicto Family + Sonia V. Sanchez + Adoracion Coronado + Vicky Fojas + Ninay Quinto +	Mila Benedicto  Mila Benedicto Mila Benedicto Mila Benedicto
5:00pm	All Parishioners	.....
13 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	Cesina & Mike Pulla +	Adriana Cammisa & Sergio Pulla
11 am	Maria & Rocco Lamanna +	Giovanna Cornacchia

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Luke 20.27-38 - The Question about the Resurrection

### Living as Hopeful Stewards

What does it mean to hope in the Lord? The seven brothers and their mother depicted in the first reading from 2 Maccabees can help us understand what true hope looks like. As all of them are being tortured, one of the brothers boldly declares, "you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life." In the midst of apparent sheer defeat, they remain steadfast in their hope. Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope. As we begin to embrace the lens of stewardship and start striving to revitalize our parish communities through the gifts of our time and talents, we could unconsciously expect vast changes to occur over night. This could lead to discouragement as the desired results aren't coming about according to the timeline we had envisioned. However, we should fight these temptations of discouragement and listen to the exhortation of St. Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." We must also remember the words of Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* that states that "stewardship is realistic ... What is important in life takes time." Let us continue to embrace the spirituality of stewardship with full hope that the Lord will greatly bless us and our parish community.

### Summary

This Sunday we reflect on the strong hope displayed by the seven brothers in 2 Maccabees amidst their persecution. Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope and fighting the temptation to be discouraged when we don't see the desired results of our good works right away. Let us continue to serve God as we heed the advice of St. Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your 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.*



Bookings for 2023 MASS are now accepted.

Email us at [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@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

<b>First Reconciliation &amp; First Holy Communion : For Grade 2 November 12 ( Saturday )</b>	
<b>Family Gathering Session 1 Enrollment Ceremony</b>	<b>Parish Hall @ 8:15 am Church 9:00am</b>



Your helping hand is the answer

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, all contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

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community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins Our goal this year is [insert goal amount]. To date we have achieved [insert amount raised]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



### Special Collection – Nov 13, 2023

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org).

**Advent Retreat with Bishop Robert Kasun** Saturday, November 26 – 9 to 12:30 p.m. EST Blessed Trinity Parish 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto CENTRAL REGION Blessed Trinity invites you to an Advent Retreat with Bishop Robert Kasun on Nov. 26 from 9 to 12:30 p.m. in the church parish hall. \$20 per ticket. Light breakfast will be served. Everyone is welcome! CONTACT: Camila Nowakowski PHONE: 416-226-0262 EMAIL: [cnowakowski@rogers.com](mailto:cnowakowski@rogers.com) WEBSITE: <https://www.blessedtrinityparish.ca/> POSTER: <https://bit.ly/AdventRetreatBishopKasun>



### The Come & See – Day Retreat

**November 18 to 20, 2022**

**St. Augustine's Seminary**

**Fr. Matthew McCarthy - Director of Office of Vocation,  
Archdiocese of Toronto**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more information, please email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeAndSeeRetreatPoster>.



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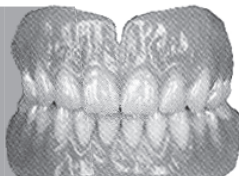


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