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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meditate on
God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44 - The Necessity for Watchfulness

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin. One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy. This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Summary

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
28 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
29 Tues, 9am	Maria de Manche +	Therese de Manche
30 Wed, 9am	All Souls of Purgatory	Lella
Dec 1 Thurs, 9am	Fortunato Baquial Sr. +	Rufina Baquial
2 (1 st Friday) 9am 6pm 7pm	Maria Antonette & Antonio Quinagon – Thanksgiving Holy Hour All deceased members of the Macarayan Family+	Mila Benedicto Teresita Macarayan
3 Sat, 9am 5:00pm	All Parishioners Felicitas Donato -Thanksgiving Pedro Ampo + Pedro Moya + Helen Huetner + Lolita Bayon & Elena Manuel Nenita Cabahug Monet Moya Nancy Dempsey & Family
4 Sun, 9am 11 am	Gene & Vivian Beltjar - Thanksgiving Cesina & Mike Pulla	Vivian Beltjar Adriana Cammisa & Sergio Pulla



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.*



**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Sacrament of Confirmation
December schedule**

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

Dec 3	Sacrament of First Reconciliation	Church @ 10am
Dec 11	Family Gathering Session 4 Students Parents	10:15am @ Parish Hall Church
Dec 18	Family Gathering Session 5 Students Parents	10:15am @ Parish Hall Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Dec 11	Session 1	Parish Hall @ 12:15 noon
Dec 18	Session 2	Parish Hall @ 12:15 noon

Day of Confession for Advent 2022



Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, A Day of Confession for Advent 2022 will be held in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

The Confession for Holy Cross will be on **Tuesday December 13th from 6pm to 7pm** in the Church.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES. You can get your offertory envelopes from the ushers at the Church entrance after the Mass

Important Notice: Some of the assigned envelope numbers have changed. Be sure to double check your name on the box.

2023 BOOK FOR MASS INTENTIONS – NOW AVAILABLE

To book the date/s for the mass intentions, you can

- Email us at holycrossto@archtoronto.org;
- Fill up the Mass Request Form and drop in the offertory boxes or in the office mail slot with your donation in a sealed envelope. Thank You.

Mass Request forms are available at the Church entrance.



The bread & wine; the lighted sanctuary candle & oil for the altar is being offered for JOSE QUE SR.
As requested by: Lawrence & Luzviminda Que

The Meaning & Symbolism of the Advent Candles

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of



King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.

The (optional) **fifth candle** represents **light and purity** and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.



This year, we will start celebrating the "**SIMBANG GABI**" the tagalog term for "NIGHT MASS," from Dec 15 to 23, @ 7pm.

It is a Novena- a nine day series of Masses. Since Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the infant Jesus, **Simbang Gabi** is a time to honour the Blessed Mother. This tradition has been celebrated by Filipino Catholics for decades.

With this, we would like to request you to please help in the "**Simbang Gabi** sponsor". As a sponsor, your duties include bringing and preparing simple snacks like tea, coffee and cookies in the parish hall after the mass. For more information, please call the office @ 416-421-5225 or email us: holycrossto@archtoronto.org

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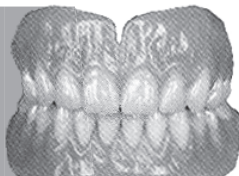
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