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Office Hours:

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.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
5 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
6 Tues, 9am	Maria de Manche +	Patrick & Carmele Galvin
7 Wed, 9am	Lucia Nunag – For Guidance & Thanksgiving	Mark Nunag & Family
8 Thurs, 9am	Katherine Proulx +	Ducusin Family
9 Fri, 9am	Anita Villote +	Naomi Stevens
10 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Allan Vivar + Emmanuel Saliba + Fr. Joseph A Nolan + Nenita Cabahug Georgina Saliba Julia
5:00pm	Pasquale & Ada Muoio +	Antonietta Muoio
11 Sun, 9am	Katharina Doumouras- Thanksgiving Birthday	Doumouras Family
11 am	Noella Milne- Thanksgiving	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist

A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church. Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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<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.*

**First Reconciliation & Holy Communion
December Sessions schedule**

Dec 11 & 18 Sunday Family Gathering Session 4 & 5

Students	Parish Hall	10:15am
Parents	Church	10:15am

Reminders for Parents:

Please arrive on time. The program will begin promptly at the indicated time.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Dec 11 & 18 Sunday Session 1 & 2

Parish Hall	12:15pm
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Reminders:

Please arrive 10 minutes earlier for seating arrangements. Attendance is mandatory.

Dec 8 Thursday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. Amen.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec 24 th		Christmas Day Sunday Dec 25 th	
9am	No Mass	9am	Mass
5pm	No Mass	11am	mass
7pm	Vigil Mass		
11pm	Vigil Mass		

All are invited to join us at 10pm for a concert of Christmas carols performed by our choir.

New Year Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Saturday, Dec 31st		New Year's Day Sunday, Jan 1st	
9am	No Mass	9am	Mass
5pm	No Mass	11am	Mass
7pm	Vigil Mass		

Day of Confession for Advent 2022
The Confession for Holy Cross will be on **Tuesday December 13th from 6pm to 7pm** in the Church.
Holy Cross School Confession
December 14th Wednesday from 9:30am in the Church.

Would you like to help host the after Mass refreshment? We will start celebrating the Simbang Gabi the tagalog term for "NIGHT MASS" from Dec 15 to 23 @ 7pm.
We will host a refreshment table after 7pm mass each night for 9 days. Everyone is invited to spend time with fellow parishioners. Enjoy some hot chocolate, tea, coffee and homemade (and some store bought) treats along with great company. Sit and stay for as long or as little as you like. Or feel free to grab-and-go if you're on the run. Whatever works for you and your family.

Advent Week 2
Peace
world around us. of Peace.

During Advent Week 2, we reflect on the **andle of peace**. The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises (Proverbs 3:5), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary

SVP Christmas Toy wrapping Dec 10, Saturday following the 9am mass. If you would like to help wrap gifts, please come to the Church Hall on Dec 10 from 9:30am – 11am
For those of you who cannot buy gifts but want to help, Fr Freddy has kindly agreed to have a special collection for this Christmas event on Dec 10/11. Please use our special SVP Christmas envelopes that will be in the church pews. All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. Let's make the less fortunate feel loved and special during this Christmas season.
At this time, we also invite those Parishioners who passionately want to help the less fortunate in our neighbourhood to contact one of our members or get in touch with Carl D'Souza who can provide you with more information on how to become a member of St. Vincent de Paul.

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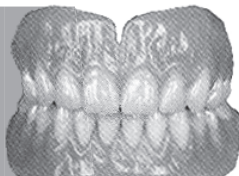
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