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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.

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
12 Mon, 9am	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
13 Tues, 9am	Alfredo Flores & all deceased family members +	Josie & Brent Flores
14 Wed, 9am	Doralba Navarro +	Marcela Navarro
15 Thurs, 9am	Saviour Agius +	Georgina Saliba
16 Fri, 9am	Draya & Dennison Ducusin – Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
17 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Fr. Joseph A Nolan + Phil Mamaril + Kindall Family + Bill Flores + Fr. Joseph A Nolan Julia Ducusin Family Marilyn Josie & Brent Flores Julia
5:00pm		
18 Sun, 9am	Gregorio Beltijar +	Ducusin Family
11 am	Monica D'Souza +	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11 - Jesus Praises John the Baptist

Rejoicing amidst the Darkness

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord. In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away.” So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24). Summary Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24)

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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 18 Sunday Family Gathering Session 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 18 Sunday Session 2

Parish Hall	12:15pm
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Reminders:

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

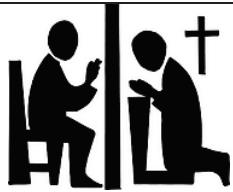
Christmas Mass Schedule

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 1 st	
5pm	No Mass	9am	Mass
7pm	Vigil Mass	11am	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.



The 9 days solemnities will start on Thursday Dec 15 until Dec 23 Friday. Daily evening mass at 7pm.

Everyone is invited to join the after mass refreshment at the Narthrex.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A prayer for you to pray for week three of Advent as we celebrate the joy Christ brings. Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of

Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with.



Office

Dec 23 Fri	9am – 12 noon
Dec 24-27	Office Closed
Dec 28	9-4pm
Dec 29	9-4pm
Dec 30 Fri	9am-12 noon
Dec 31 Jan 2	Office Closed
Jan 3	9-4pm Regular hours

Support Your Parish With A Gift Of Securities

This Christmas As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year! While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish. To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. To donate listed securities, you can obtain the information sheet and Letter of Direction by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>. Thank you once again for your continued support!

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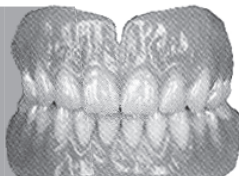
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