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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>		
JAN	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
16 Mon, 9am	No Mass	
17 Tues, 9am	Mario Giuseppe +	Incoronata Ambrosini
18 Wed, 9am	Jalani Williams +	Dennis Ducusin
19 Thurs, 9am	All decease members of Raffaele Family	Incoronata Ambrosini
20 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Jesus in Crucifix	Incoronata Ambrosini
21 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Peace all over the World Yvonne Moryto + Incoronata Ambrosini Marie Cervantes
5pm	Thanksgiving – Jeff Michael Alog	Alog Family
22 Sun, 9am	Florence & James Wong +	Bennett & Robert Wong
11 am	Thanksgiving – Thelma Miranda	Thelma Miranda

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: John 1.29-34 – The Lamb of God


Playing our Part in the Church

Even in today's short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of St. John the Baptist. John used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ? Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship." As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. Secondly, by prayerfully examining our talents, let us seek groups or ministries in the parish in which we can give our gifts back to God. We don't need to be intimidated if we feel we cannot do great things for our parish, for all of us has a role to play. Let us conclude today's reflection by pondering the following words of encouragement by St. Teresa of Calcutta. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Summary

St. John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. Likewise, Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude." Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards by offering our gifts back to God and our parish community.

<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.*

Sacramental Preparations

Please be reminded of the next schedule

Sacrament of Confirmation
Jan 29 (Sunday) Session 4
Parish Hall @ 12:15pm

Ways to send your Weekly Donations

1 Mail or drop off your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office's door mail slot or drop in the box placed at the entrance of the Church.

2 Contribute by credit card: Copy and use this link - <https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=415>. Select "Holy Cross Parish, Toronto" in the drop-down menu. You can make a *one time or recurring* contribution to our parish offertory or other special funds.

3 Contribute through pre-authorize giving (PAG): You can obtain a form from the parish office or from the church entrances which can be completed. Return the completed form with a voided cheque to the office or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

If you have any questions in numbers 2-4, please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934- 3400 ext. 540 or development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2023 – Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m

January 18 to 25 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). This year's message of **Isaiah 1:17**, "**Do good; seek justice**" inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed

by Christ for the Church.

What is it?

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christian around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

When does it take place?

Parishioners are invited to join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church on Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m. at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 73 Simcoe St. (at King St. W.), Toronto, Ont., M5J 1W9.**

Why does it matter?

Shortly before He went to the cross, Jesus prayed for unity among His followers: "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one" (John 17:11).

The Reasons for Unity

Jesus not only prayed for unity, but He gave the reasons that Christian unity is important: He asked that all believers may be one with the Father and the Son, "so that the world may believe that You have sent Me" (John 17:21). And then Jesus prayed for believers to be unified so that "the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me" (verse 23). When Christians are united in Christ, the world sees two things clearly: Jesus loves His church.

The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for "unity in diversity". This time of shared prayer, reflections, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationship and to live and witness together throughout the year.

We are all called to grow together in unity over time. – Amanda Idleman

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Collection from Dec 31, 2022 & Jan 1, 2023

This is to inform everyone that collection from Dec 31, 2022 and Jan 1, 2023 will be recorder for Year 2023 for us to do proper accounting and for tax receipting purposes. An official tax receipt for your financial contribution will soon be available. Please note this receipt also includes your gifts to ShareLife, The Shepherds' Trust and other Diocesan Collections.

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