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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

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
JAN/ FEB	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
30 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
31 Tues, 9am	Eliseo Cruz Jr. +	Yvette Beltran & Family
Feb 1 Wed, 9am	Eduardo Fajardo +	Zeny Valencia & Family
2 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Milagros Benedicto	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
3 1 st Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Jane Margaret Crompton + No Holy Hour No Mass	Viviane Santiago
4 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Odette Olano + Ernesto Santos + Celedonia V. Gayla + Ducusin Family Cristina Santos Gigi Gayla
5pm	Cocoheart Szabo-Gregory+
5 Sun, 9am	Delia Cabahug +	Nenita Cabahug
11 am	Thanksgiving Birthday - Claire Aaron	Claudette Wilson

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes that we hear in today's gospel reading opens the famous Sermon on the Mount where Jesus offers a lengthy teaching on the sorts of virtues and actions that accord with finding true happiness and blessings. Though the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes are relatively well-known terms, some are occasionally confused and think that the Beatitudes we hear in today's Gospel and the Sermon on the Mount are the same thing – as if the series of 'happy are they' statements form the whole of Jesus' important discourse. However, it is but the opening, an important opening as we will reflect on momentarily but, nevertheless, only part of a wider teaching that forms chapters five to seven of Matthew's Gospel. We will hear many of the other parts of the Sermon in coming weeks. Next Sunday we will hear of salt and light, then on the Law of the scriptures, on adultery and divorce, on retaliation and love of enemies, and on God and money. There are also teachings that we will not hear during our Sunday liturgies in coming weeks but are, nonetheless, well known and much admired. Some examples include lessons on almsgiving (6:1-4), fasting (6:16-18), judging others (7:1-5) and on false prophets (7:15-20) as well as the seminal instruction on prayer featuring the Lord's Prayer (6:5-14) and the near ubiquitously known 'Golden Rule' (7:12). These collections of teachings are some of the most inspiring among Jesus' many words of life. However, they are also among the most difficult. Indeed, included in the Sermon we find Jesus reminding would be followers that the road is difficult. The pathway of living the way of the Kingdom is a 'narrow gate' and, in contrast, the life that leads to destruction is 'wide and easy' and, not surprisingly given it is wide and easy, 'many people take it' (Matt 7:13-14). When we hold that broader teaching of Jesus in view and, further, when we reflect on what it really means to follow Jesus, we find a greater sense of what the Beatitudes offer us. When Jesus looked out among the crowd gathered to hear his words of life, he no doubt saw people struggling to live the 'difficult road' of God's ways. He also was well aware of the price of discipleship that he was calling his particular followers to take.



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
Feb 5 (Sunday) Session 5
Parish Hall @ 12:15pm

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & funeral Services will share: - How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will - How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected - About Powers of Attorney - Estate Trustee selection - Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors - Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral
To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org.



The Candle Lighting Ceremony for International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Thursday, January 26, 2023 – 7 p.m. EST Leah Posluns Theatre 4588

Bathurst Street, North York The United Nations General Assembly in 2005 designated January 27 as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. To mark this day, the local Jewish community and Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies Toronto has organized a community event with Candle Lighting Ceremony to honour the survivors and to remember those who lost their lives during the WWII. The evening will include a keynote address that will introduce The Legacy Portrait Project. All are cordially invited to stand in solidarity with the Jewish Community at this vigil. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/3ZlgcPh>



Office of Catholic Youth and Vocation.

The Office of Vocations and the Office of Catholic Youth are collaborating once

again this year for Totus Tuus to recruit and form 16 young Catholic leaders who are seriously discerning God's calling in their lives. These leaders are then sent out in teams of four to serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, facilitating week-long summer camps. We are currently recruiting young adult missionaries (ages 19-30) for this summer. If you know of someone who is committed to their spiritual growth and capable and enthusiastic about making our Catholic faith come to life for children and teens, please encourage them to apply. Apart from receiving a fair wage, they will experience a life-changing summer. More information on the Totus Tuus missionary application and program can be found on the Totus Tuus Toronto website. Applications close on January 31. CONTACT: Office of Catholic Youth EMAIL: youth@ocytoronto.org PHONE: 416-599-7676 WEBSITE: www.totustuustoronto.ca



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Holy Cross Parish cordially invites volunteers of the church to our

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on February 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the church hall.

We thank you for your devoted time and effort in serving Holy Cross Church.

Your contribution allowed us to continue to serve our community. See you there!

Please RSVP at the parish office on or before February 13th at (416) 421-5225 or email:

holycrossto@archtoronto.org



Dear Parishioners, For those who have not yet picked up the 2023 Offertory Envelopes, please do so in order that you can start using them. The last pick up date will be **January 31, 2023.**

All tax receipts will arrive in donors' mailbox on or before Jan 30, 2023.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m. EST St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto CENTRAL REGION As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations,

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples. Registration opens on December 9, 2022. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

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