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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>		
FEB	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Pedro Bato +	Patricia Boyer
8 Wed, 9am	Lucia Nunag & Family Thanksgiving & Guidance	Mark Nunag & family
9 Thurs, 9am	Norie Cadhit +	Our Lady of Holy Cross Praesidium
10 Fri, 9am	Amanda Gabat +	Legion of Mary HC group
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Angelo Nunno + Desmond Leahy + Erminio Ciani + Teresa Nunno Margaret Leahy Holy Cross School Staff
5pm	Ofelia Bernando +	Orillanes Family
12 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving - Gene & Vivian Beltijar	Vivian Beltijar
11 am	Thanksgiving - Ari Doumouras & Emma O'Callaghan – 1 st Anniversary	Karin Doumouras & Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16 - Salt and Light

The Light of Stewardship

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, “from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us.” She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn’t be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says “let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:16). Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that “we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.” When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we’re on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God’s transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

Summary

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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.*

Confirmation



**Sacrament of
Confirmation Mass
Ceremony**

Feb 10 (Friday) @ 6pm

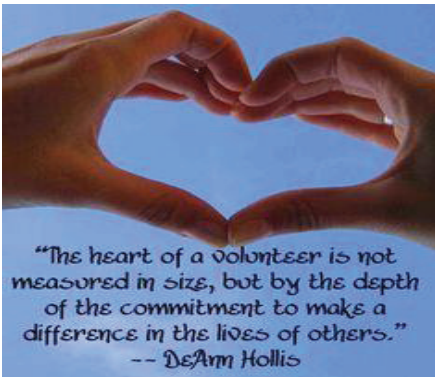
Congratulations to our candidates

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Bagsit Cassandra Nicole	Lawrence Aria Isabel
Batchelor Liam Michael Christopher	Magat-Santiago Cesariah Sloone
Cantuba-Gutierrez Jalen Cole	Nawgu Seng San
Crifo Sophia Rose	Palanca Destine
Dela Cruz Rhia	Pogue Isabelle Victoria
Delia Stacey	Serafini Giacomo Giovanni
Dimou Leszek Jozef	Serpa Angelina Moreno

Are you new in the Parish?




If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket. Kindly provide us with the complete information so that the Parish office will then contact you.



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



World Day of the Sick

Excerpt from His Holiness Pope Francis XXXI World Day of the Sick Feb 11, 2023 "Take care of him" Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing.

Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane. Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true "field hospital", for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers. On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

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