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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00pm

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

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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.

**Holy Cross School Phone:** 416-393-5242

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**Principal:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
FEB	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
20 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
21 Tues, 9am	Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin +	Ducusin Family
22 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Tirzah Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
23 Thurs, 9am	In Honour and in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory, Holy Family, St. Gianna, St. Dominic Savio, St. Gerald Majella And Birthday blessings for Daphne	Lella
24 Fri, 9am	For health & healing - Mr & Mrs John & Theresa Kim	Helena Lee
25 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Nolito Factor Rose Marie Rivers +	..... Factor Family Nikola & Sharon
5pm	All Souls in Purgatory	.....
26 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Cervantes Sons & Grandchildren	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Emma Eustaquio	Elena & Lolita

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48 – Love your Enemies

Growing in Stewardship and Holiness

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, “be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to “be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it. Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that “all Christ's faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives—and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will” (Lumen Gentium, 41). Essentially, Lumen Gentium teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness.

Summary

God says to all of us “be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” The Second Vatican Council teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. Therefore, let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness

<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.*



**Feb 22** - Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

**On** the occasion of Ash Wednesday, let us pray, let us fast and let us learn to be more generous.

**A** service of reflection as we gather to start our journey through Lent. It is a call to return to God with all our hearts. It marks the beginning of Lent, forty day period of preparation for Easter and begins the journey to Good Friday and Easter. This is a day for new beginnings with God, for putting aside the sins and failures of the past and beginning afresh.

**Let** today be the day you give up who you've been for who you can become.

Masses will be at 9am and 7pm in the Church. Please come and be marked with the ashes on our foreheads with the sign of our Salvation.



**Lent is a new beginning, a time for focusing on the heart, a time for asking questions about our spiritual health.**

**Have a blessed Lent.**

Date	Activities	Mass / Service
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday	Ashes are imposed in the forehead with the sign of the cross.  Holy Cross School Mass & imposition of Ashes (Church)	9am & 7pm Mass  10:30am
Every Friday from Feb 24 to Mar 31	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm Start with 7pm Mass
Mar 28 Tuesday	Parish Lenten Confessions	6:30 to 7:30pm Frs. Freddy & Vijai
Apr 2 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5pm Mass Sunday: 9 & 11am Mass
Apr 6 Thursday	Holy Thursday  Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the Feet	No 9am Mass  7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
Apr 7 Friday	Good Friday  Liturgy of the Passion of Christ  Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3pm  7pm
Apr 8 Saturday	Holy Saturday  Easter Vigil	No 9am Mass  8pm
Apr 9 Sunday	Easter Sunday	9 & 11am Mass
Apr 10 Monday	Easter Monday  NO Mass / Office is closed	

**Second Collection**



We will have a second collection next Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

“God rewards a generous giver”



St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program: Topic: Lenten Retreat: A Spirituality for Catholic Teachers Saturday, March 4 – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL EVENT RUN BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto's St. Monica Institute and the Toronto Catholic Teachers' Guild, we are pleased to offer a Lenten retreat day that will draw us into the important work of education with presenter Deacon Doug McManaman, Chaplain of the Toronto chapter of the Catholic Teachers' Guild. We extend a warm invitation to all for this day of reflection, with a particular welcome to all Catholic teachers, administrators, support staff, and to all who work in the homeschooling community. COST: In-person - \$50; Online - \$20 (+ HST) CONTACT: Chere MacLean/416-269-3445 [/chere.maclean@utoronto.ca](mailto:chere.maclean@utoronto.ca)

REGISTER:

<https://staugustines.on.ca/eventslisting/layformationlentenretreat2023>



**To our beloved volunteers....**

Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner party last week was a blast. Thank you for all the hard work and all the efforts you have put together to work as team. And most of all THANK YOU for partying with us.

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