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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:**

Tuesday 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**

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal: Kimberly Blanchet**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Meditate on  
*God's Word*



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**

Gospel: John 20.19-31 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love

In 2000, when Pope John Paul II was canonizing St. Faustina, he declared that the Second Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday for the entire Church. This Sunday, let us reflect on Jesus who longs to forgive us and to shower His love and mercy on us. We should never tire of running to Him for healing. St. Therese of Lisieux says "even though I had on my conscience all the sins that can be committed, I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into Jesus' arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him." As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to "instruct the ignorant" and "counsel the doubtful" by helping with parish catechesis ministries. We can also "forgive offenses" and "pray for the living and the dead" through personal prayer as well as by joining various prayer groups within the parish. Some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society. We can also "visit the sick" and "visit the imprisoned" by seeking ministries that care for the sick and elderly. This Divine Mercy Sunday let us seek to be filled with God's mercy. Let us then let His mercy overflow into our deeds within the parish so that we may become stewards of God's merciful love.

Summary

As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to "instruct the ignorant" and "counsel the doubtful" by helping with parish catechesis ministries. Likewise, some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
17 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
18 Tues, 9am	In Honor and Thanksgiving to St. Apollonius Martyr	Lella
19 Wed, 9am	Deceased members of Villaluz Family +	Ducusin Family
20 Thur, 9am	Thanksgiving – Rose Sulit	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
21 Fri, 9am	John & Rita Stone +	Helena Lee
22 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosa Marie Rivers + Glendora Weiler + Thanksgiving – Dela Masa Family Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon	..... Nikola & Sharon CWL Mila Benedicto Claudette Wilson
5pm	Valentine Labang +	Labang Family
23 Sun, 9am	All deceased members of Boudreau Family +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Thanksgiving – Pamela Lobo	D'Souza Family

*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.*



**The History of Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ,

after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Saint Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas."

A week after Christ rose from the dead, He appeared once again to His disciples, and this time Thomas was there. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed His belief in Christ.

Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the novena ended on the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter. Thus, since novenas are commonly prayed in advance of a feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy — Divine Mercy Sunday — was born.



Our ShareLife goal for this year is \$ 33,000. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday offering, we were able to collect \$6,188.20. Thank you so much for your generosity.



**Memorial Lamp Transept – April 25, 2023**

SPECIAL DEVOTION CANDLE being offered by **Claudette Wilson** for the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the **Waldron Family**.

**For Mass Requests, Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other inquiries**

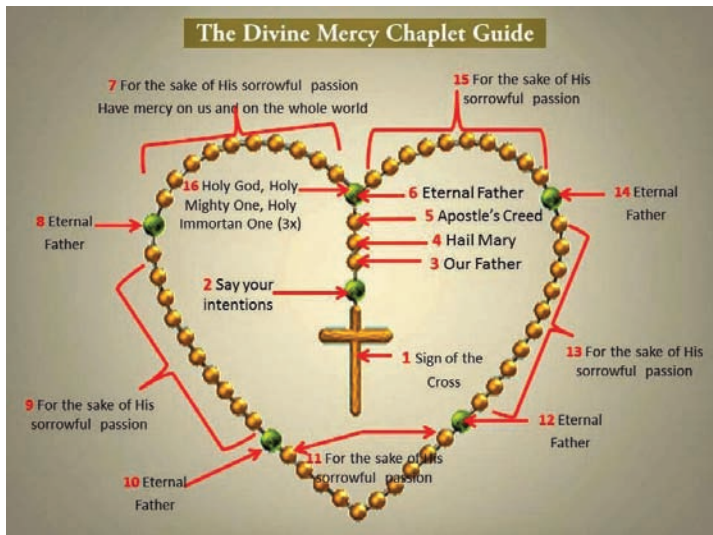
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*For St. Vincent de Paul please press 3 and leave your message.*

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

*For any other day, email us to book an appointment*



SANCTURAY LAMP CANDLE: Each week we invite you to light the candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$20.00, and you may drop the donation off at the rectory during office hours or place it in the collection with the information enclosed



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 9, 16, 23, and 30th**, as we continue our study on "SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: Part V". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com) for more information.



**Holy Cross Volunteers - Special thanks to the Volunteers who were involved during the Holy Week.**

We have not thanked you enough, and want to let you know that your dedication is essential to work that we do. We cannot do it without you. We would not want to do it without you. You bring ideas, positive energy and a beautiful intensity. I hope you will come back and join us soon, and maybe even bring a friend with you! The good you do returns to you a hundredfold.



**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.

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