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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

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
9 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Therese De Manche	Therese De Manche
10 Wed, 9am	Pamfila Gacote +	Yvette Beltran & Family
11 Thur, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang	Therese De Manche
12 Fri, 9am	Cayetano “Gene” Manago +	Dennis Ducusin
13 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Teresita Que + Vicente Cabahug + Daniel Leon + Thanksgiving – Daniel & Angela Kim Mr. & Mrs. Stephen – For healing	..... Nikola & Sharon Holy Cross Parish Cabahug Family Aunt Angela & Family Helena lee  Helena Lee
5pm	Michael & Anne Skura +	Joan Skura
14 Sun 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Marie Cervantes	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Mike & Cesina Pulla +	Adriana Cammisa & Family

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: John 14.1-12 - Jesus the Way to the Father

### Exercising our Priestly Call

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546). What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship. To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

### Summary

The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

<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.*



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.



**St Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle-up Weekend - May 06/07:**

Please bring your donations to the truck parked at the back of the Church on the weekend of May 06/07. A member of the Society will be available at the truck between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm both days.

**What we accept:** Any clothing, footwear, bedding (any condition) drapery, towels, toys (new only)

**DONT accept:** Baby items, construction material, dishes, furniture, books.

**St Vincent de Paul - Marygrove & Ozanam Camp:**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of children from families in need who want an opportunity (free of charge) to attend the Society's Camps - Marygrove Camp for Girls aged 5 -13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 – 12. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your Name, Tel, Child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.



There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Building and Renovation.

*One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."*



**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.



In the Catholic Church and our Catholic school system, **May is the Month of Mary**, a time in which we honour Our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Christian tradition of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin dates back to the 13th century.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary," wrote Pope Paul VI in his Encyclical on the Month of Mary, 1967.

During the month of May, an altar is erected in churches and in many homes, with a statue or picture of Mary surrounded by flowers. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in our lives and in the life of the Church.

In addition to daily devotions, Marian celebrations include a May Crowning, when a wreath of flowers is placed on Mary's head in an expression of love and devotion to our Heavenly Mother.

**Turning Our Thoughts To Mary in May**

It is during May that we examine our family's devotion to the Blessed Mother. Jesus gave us His mother from the Cross ("Woman, behold your son, Son behold your mother."), and we know that she brings all our cares and worries directly to her Son (think of her words at the Wedding Feast at Cana "Do whatever He tells you"). We are trying to have our children be familiar with the Blessed Virgin Mary, to help them recognize and turn to Mary as their Heavenly Mother, who fulfills the role of mother perfectly, unlike this flawed earthly mother. Our acts of piety are to help develop interior devotion and spiritual growth. If the acts become merely external gestures and not fostering a deeper personal love, then they need to be re-examined.



**Ways to Support Your Parish**

**Online through the " Support Your Parish "initiative** through the Archdiocese of Toronto. The link can be found on our Home Page.

**Online through our existing PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program.** Contact the office for more information.

**By placing a cheque in your traditional offertory envelopes** and mailing to the parish office: HolyCross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.

No matter how you chose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

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