



H O L Y C R O S S
P A R I S H

291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4

Tel: 416-421-5225 - press 0 (office); press 3 (St. Vincent's De Paul) Fax: 416-421-4656

Email: holycrosssto@archtoronto.org Website: holycrosssto.archtoronto.org

Office Hours:

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

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor

Deacon Albert Dacanay

Joan Bolanos, Administrative Assistant

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 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>		
Aug-Sept	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
28 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
29 Tues, 9am	Cristita Benedicto +	Claudette Wilson
30 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mariano Riva	Edith Riva
31 Thur, 9am	Jennifer Dutt +	Ducusin Family
Sept 1 1 st Fri 9am 6pm 7pm	Cocoheart Szabo-Gregory Holy Hour Calixto Andar + Erdolfo Quiroga + Carmelo Barba Jr. + Thanksgiving - Jonathan Massa & Paula Tecson Cora Andar Marlene & Enrico Tecson Honey Barba Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Sept 2 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Florence & James Wong + Consolacion Muya + All Souls in Purgatory Thanksgiving – Lou & Ching Fernandez Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Thanksgiving – Claudette Wilson Nikola & Sharon Bennett & Robert Wong Nemie & Mitz Caldo Incoronata Ambrosini Monica Sigue Ella Ferris Elena & Ligaya Manuel
Sept 3 Sun 9am 11 am	Len Noel + Thanksgiving – Noella & Chris Milne	CWL D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 – Jesus reminds us of the necessary conditions to reach heaven.

In today's Gospel, the reflection is centered on Matthew 16:24. "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus is preaching about the conditions of discipleship – to become his follower or disciple. A terse and precise command to emulate the perfect model but never an equal and never being able to surpass the master Himself. Short enough to understand, hard to follow? In Luke and Mark, it demonstrates the magnanimity of Jesus in that His command is not offered specifically only to His disciples. He also preached to the crowd, the multitudes. In fact, it is a personal invitation to all of us! Furthermore, Luke emphasized taking up his cross "daily." While essential nutrition nourishes our physical body every day, taking up his cross daily maintains the momentum to strengthen our spirituality through and with Jesus when we are following Him. This maxim is a popular and oft-quoted verse for the last two thousand years and still continues to provoke people to search within themselves. This set of three simple actions has changed the course of countless lives. A clarion call to be Christ-like. To others, it could be a siren call to be ignored. The Bible provides passages of some who willingly accepted His command and acted upon it immediately. Let's begin with Matthew 4:18 in the Call of the First Disciples. Jesus said to Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. He saw two other brothers, James, and his brother John, in the boat, mending their nets. He called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. Accepting Jesus is to possess a one-track obedience to Him. No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God. And not to serve two masters. It is to deny one and to serve only one Master – Jesus. Be focused and not double minded when walking in His footsteps to eternity as there is no turning back.

<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 9:30 a.m. 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.*

SAVE THE DATE



Serving Our Neighbours In Need Bundle up Weekend

September 9 & 10 (Saturday & Sunday)
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Please bring your donations to the track parked at the back of the Church on the weekend of Sept 9/10.

A member of the Society will be available at the truck between 9am to 6pm both days.

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

Don't accept: Baby items, construction material, dishes, furniture, books.

HOLY CROSS

Family Day Celebrations 2023

Thursday Sept 14

Masses at 9am and 6pm.

Adoration 3 to 6pm.

Sunday Sept 17

BBQ//kids carnival - 10:15 am start (after mass)



Starting Sept 1 and every First Friday of the month, we welcome our devotees to come and spend time with the Risen Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour **6PM**

A Holy Hour brings Heavens choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their Hour.

7PM MASS

A priest is available during the Holy Hour to hear confessions from 6:10 to 6:40pm



THE PALLIUM

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo
Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

We are now preparing for the registration on the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation & OCIA. The letters and registration forms will be distributed in Holy Cross Catholic School by their respective teacher in charge in the coming weeks. **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** – If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or know of someone who is interested, or want more information, please call the office 416-421-5225 or email: holycrosssto@archtoronto.org



This week's Special Devotion Candle Thanksgiving for Ambrosini Family as requested by: Inconronata Ambrosini.
Aug 29 to Sept 5

Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.

B **PREGNANT?
NEED HELP?**
Call Birthright
Helpline 1-800-550-4900
Toronto 416-469-1111
www.birthright.org

STANBURY'S PHARMACY
PharmaChoice
1032 Pape Ave
416-423-4661
www.pharmachoice.com

Select BAKERY
DELI • PATISSERIE • CAFE
DELI
PATISSERIE • CAFE
405 Donlands Ave.
416-421-2400

**LIBERTY
TAX
SERVICE**

*Personal
and
Small Business
Year Round Service*
1714 Danforth Ave.
416-406-9990



**Shopping
Locally
Saves Gas**



**RITZ
RESTAURANT**
Canadian/Filipino Dishes
Dine-in/Take-out/Catering
310 Donlands Ave.
416-421-4696

PAPE FOODLAND
*Quality Meat • Produce
Bakery • Deli and Organics*
Open 7 Days a Week
We Deliver
623 Danforth Ave.
416-466-5371

HERITAGE
FUNERAL CENTRE

*O'Connor Bros. &
Ralph Day Chapels*
Central Toronto's most
spacious funeral home.
Family owned and operated.
Honoured to serve
your community.
416 423-1000
50 Overlea Blvd.

www.heritagefuneralcentre.ca

**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS!**



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE
WANTED**

Liturgical Publications, your weekly bulletin printer has
an opening for a **full time Sales Representative.**
Base Salary • Commission • Car Allowance • Travel Expenses
If you have a drive to succeed and are self-motivated,
email your resume to salesrep@parishbulletins.com



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
&
FUNERAL SERVICES**
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
www.catholic-cemeteries.com
Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home
905-889-7467
In keeping with your Catholic faith

**Shop LOCAL • Spend LOCAL
Eat LOCAL • Enjoy LOCAL**
*and support the local businesses
that support your parish*