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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:

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.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Sept	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
18 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
19 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Edith Riva	Edith Riva
20 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Nelson Ducusin	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
21 Thur, 9am	Brian Daniel La Freniere +	Holy Cross School Staff
22 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Claudette Wilson	Bella Celestial
23 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Thanksgiving – St. Anne & St. Joachim Thanksgiving – Angelina D’Souza Thanksgiving – Dan, Debbie, Daniel, Kate, Pat & Richard Casey Nikola & Sharon Lella Angelina D’Souza Monica Sigue
5pm	Dionisia Claudio +	Dipasupil Family
24 9am	Michaelangelo A. Cervantes +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Thanksgiving – Leilani Anne Ducusin Steinfeld	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35 - *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

Forgiving and Being Forgiven

The central mystery woven throughout the readings this Sunday is the need to forgive others. In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the wicked servant who although he was greatly forgiven of his large debt could not forgive the small debt of his fellow servant. This parable can be summarized by the words found in the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."


The Catechism teaches us that unless we forgive those in our lives, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It says that "in refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace" (CCC 2840)

So as stewards we should strive to forgive those who have hurt us, but how do we do this? The essential answer is prayer. The Catechism plainly states that "it is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). So we don't need to conjure up warm or fuzzy feelings, but we must intentionally choose to pray for our debtor and for the grace to forgive them. This is a difficult process and is sure to not happen overnight. Let us take some time daily, starting today, to pray for those who've hurt us.

Summary


The Catechism is very explicit in teaching that unless we forgive others we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It instructs us that forgiveness doesn't necessitate good feelings or forgetting past offenses, but instead that it requires intentionally praying for those who have hurt us. As stewards let us begin to pray for the ability to forgive and so live out the words, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

<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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)



Children preparing for First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation

Children looking to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation during the academic year at Holy Cross School are to be registered for the program. The letters and registration forms will be distributed in Holy Cross Catholic School by their respective teacher in charge in the coming weeks or you can contact our Parish office at 416-421-5225 to find out more about the program and to obtain a registration form.

Interested in becoming Catholic

Wondering about becoming Catholic? The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of adults) program will begin in the fall. 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 to obtain a registration form or visit our website holycrosssto.archtoronto.org



Blessed Virgin Mary, Our lady of Compassion, I turn to you with filial confidence. You shared fully in the work of our lord Jesus Christ, whose Death brought life to the

world. Help me now to understand the truth about the divine compassion. Teach me to accept the sufferings that come into my life as you accepted obediently your own deep sorrows. Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you consecrated yourself by submitting to the divine plan. Obtain for me the grace to make my own submission to the same wise providence, now and at the hour Of my death. Amen.



Re-engage. Renew. Respond. **Liturgical Ministries Gathering.** The Office of Formation for Discipleship (OFD) is pleased to offer an opportunity to re-ignite the flame of ministry among parish liturgical ministers on Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in-person at St. Isaac Jogues's Parish, Pickering and virtually via Zoom. Our focus will be on hospitality as a means of invigorating the liturgical minister and strengthening parish vitality. This event is open to all new and returning liturgical ministry volunteers, including lectors, music ministers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, altar servers, ministers of environment and ministers of hospitality, as well as liturgical coordinators, parish liturgy committee members, clergy and RCIA team members. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Lunch and refreshments will be provided to in-person participants. Space is limited. REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON: <https://bit.ly/LM-RegisterInPersonSept2023> Registration closes on September 11 or when capacity is reached. REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL: <https://bit.ly/LM-RegisterVirtualSept2023> Registration closes on September 14. POSTER: <https://bit.ly/45eVsLB> CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 523



This Special Devotion Candle is being offered in loving memory of Carleton Eugene Wilson as requested by: Claudette Wilson. Sept 12 to 19

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.



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.



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.

You can give your donation either in cash or in cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish. Thank you very much. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

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