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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/Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
25 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
26 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Lou & Ching Fernandez	Bella Celestial
27 Wed, 9am	Pedro Curaming +	Severina & Oscar Mamaril
28 Thur, 9am	Hernanie Felizardo +	Dipasupil Family
29 Fri, 9am	Patricia Le Blanq +	Therese De Manche
30 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Arturo G. Valencia + Maria Ruvitte C. Montille + Thanksgiving to All Saints, All Holy Angels & All the Blessed. Thanksgiving – Edwin & Winnie Villamayor & Family Nikola & Sharon Zeny Valencia Family Galla Lella Monica Sigue
5pm	Thanksgiving – Teresita Macarayan	Teresita Macarayan
Oct 1 9am	All deceased members of Doumouras Family +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Florence & James Wong +	Bennett & Robert Wong

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16 - *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

Rejoicing in our Neighbour's Gifts

In the first reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah we are reminded that God doesn't think the same way we do. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Not only are God's ways different than ours, they are higher and better. We see this in the Gospel where the landowner in the parable gives an equal wage to the labourers regardless of how long they worked for.

The labourers who worked the longest felt that they did not receive what was just. As stewards, we too can sometimes fall into the temptation of feeling that the gifts God has given us is not to the level we would have liked. Similarly, we may sometimes feel that other people should not have the gifts that they have received. In doing this, we are subtly wanting God to think in the same way we do.

Instead, we should strive to be stewards that are grateful for the gifts we have received. Moreover, we should even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. As we are all one Body of Christ, when one member has particular gifts, we all as a Church should celebrate and boast of that gift. St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians that within the Body of Christ, "if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." Let us take some time today to thank God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

Summary

As stewards, we can sometimes fall into the same temptation of those in the Gospel of feeling that the gifts God has given us and our neighbour are not to our liking. However, we should strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. Let us strive to grow in gratitude to God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.

<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.*



Our 95th Family Sunday BBQ was a great success. Many thanks to our volunteers. We greatly appreciated your help. This event is always a huge undertaking, and this year we found ourselves short staffed. Because of your fun attitude and experienced BBQing and organized skills, throughout the process, the line at the food booth was smooth and steady. You kept the section clean, well stacked and run it with such efficiency. Thank you so much for volunteering. We couldn't have done it without you.

This is another opportunity to let you know that your value as a volunteer is inestimable. Thank you for your selfless service and goodness. We hope you had fun, and we hope you will consider doing the same thing next year!



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: holycrossto@archtoronto.org to obtain a registration form or visit our website holycrossto.archtoronto.org



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered as Thanksgiving for the Ambrosini Family as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini. Sept 19 to 26.

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.



109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, September 24

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay." This occasion will be marked with the celebration of Mass, which will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration, located at 10350 Victoria Square Blvd. in Markham. Monsignor Makarios Wehbi will preside, and Bishop John Boissonneau will be the homilist. A short program will follow. All are welcome.



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



Attention Students: Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit chaplainsconnect.ca to check out campus ministry on your campus! Chaplaincy Connect is an online tool that helps students connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada.



Season of Creation 2023: The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). Each year a theme is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee and in 2023 inspiration is taken from Amos 5:24 that proclaims, "**Let Justice and Peace Flow**" and the symbol is "**A Mighty River**." An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home and school may be found at the following links:

Resources: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/145WzDi32U8YdlyY9Peo1bn-aLqyi4cl6/view>
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgAbavjkTik&t=2s>



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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