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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>		
Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
2 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
3 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Maireez Erwin & Enzo Centeno	Monica Sigue
4 Wed, 9am	Cristita Benedicto +	Dipasupil Family
5 Thur, 9am	Carleton Eugene Wilson +	Claudette Wilson
6 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Emilie M. Cadiente	Bella Celestial
7 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Felisa Sto. Tomas Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Nikola & Sharon Remy Simbulan Ella Ferris
5pm	Cocoheart Szabo-Gregory
8 9am	George Purcell +	Margaret Ann Moreau
11 am	Thanksgiving – Irma Lugar	Espanol Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32 – *The Parable of the Two Sons*


Seeking to Serve Rather than be Served

In today's second reading St. Paul offers us a radical way of living as Christians. He says that we should humbly, "regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." While this is a challenging way of life, it is at the very heart of being a steward. To fully live with other people's interests above our own we require a dramatic interior conversion. Our society propagates the importance of the unholy trinity of "me, myself and I". In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer and seek to imitate Jesus, the true steward. Jesus always sought to be a servant of others instead of demanding to be served. This was shown very poignantly when he washed the feet of the apostles. In this image, we see what it means to be a steward. To humble ourselves before others and seek their good before our own. Imagine a parish community where everyone strives to serve their brothers and sisters. This service can be manifested in a variety of ways, whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family in the parish or supporting a family undergoing a major change or crises in their life. Let us constantly renew our commitment to being stewards and seek to serve rather than be served.

Summary

St. Paul challenges us to be true stewards as he says that we should "look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer as well as seek to imitate Jesus, who always sought to serve rather than be served. Let us strive to serve those in our parishes whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family or supporting a family undergoing a major change in their life, or any other way.

<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.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS



Sacramental Preparation

Families with children who would like to receive First Reconciliation & Holy Communion or Confirmation this school year are invited to our upcoming information sessions.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion (Grade 2 & up) Parents only Oct 7 Saturday Registration & Info Session 9:30am - Church	Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) Nov 11 Saturday Parents & Candidate Registration & Parent Info-Session 11am – Parish Hall
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Must bring the required documents:
1 Registration Form. Completely filled-up.
2 Child's Baptismal Certificate (Photocopy)
3 For Confirmation only: Sponsor's Baptismal or Confirmation or Marriage Certificate (Provide 1 photocopied document)

To find out more about the program and or obtain a registration form, please contact the Parish office at 416-421-5225. Looking forward to meeting you all.



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



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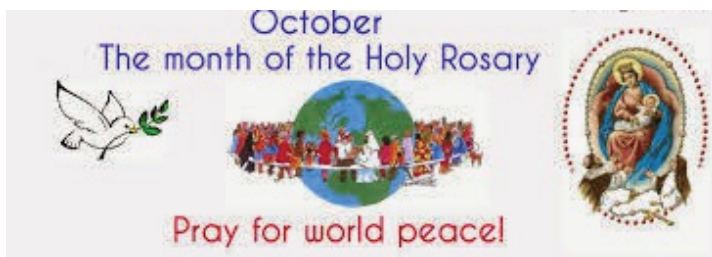


Sept 30 **Happy Christening to Jaxon Alexander Jones Royer & Liliana Sophia Royer.** God is smiling on you on this special day. Congratulations!



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered to All Souls in Purgatory as requested by: Inconronata Ambrosini. Sept 26 to Oct 3.

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.



October is the month that the Catholic Church has dedicated to the Holy Rosary. And on 7th of this month, we celebrate the feast day of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Devotion to the Blessed Mother through the rosary is one of the great ways to obtain the graces necessary to help strengthen us spiritually and lead men to amend our lives.

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” - Pope Saint Pius X

“The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.” - Pope Leo XIII

“The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves his Mother so much.” - St Louis Marie de Montfort



September 30/October 1, 2023 Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation As part of our ongoing efforts towards healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. The collection on September 30/October 1 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!

Adoration & Holy Hour

Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. **First Friday Oct 6.** A priest is available during the Holy Hour to hear confessions from 6:10 to 6:40pm followed by 7pm Mass.

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