



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

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## 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

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14 – The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

### Count Your Blessings

We celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend which is a time to be more intentionally thankful for the gifts and blessings God has graciously bestowed on us. However, it is important to not relegate our gratitude to solely one weekend a year. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that “the deepening of the ‘attitude of gratitude’ will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on.” Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude.

One practice that is often recommended to children is to “count your blessings.” There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all of the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

### Summary

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

## Mass Intentions

Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
16 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
17 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Connie & Beth Escabarte	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
18 Wed, 9am	You Soon (Maria) Ju +	.....
19 Thur, 9am	Angela Huwa Leshka +	Therese De Manche
20 Fri, 9am	Alfred De Manche +	Therese De Manche
21 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Marciano Valencia + Maria KJ Paik + Romeo Manuel +  Francoise Schott – Obtained Favor Thanksgiving – Deling Barte Thanksgiving – Placer Dineros	..... Nikola & Sharon Zeny Valencia Family Helena Lee Elena & Ligaya Manuel Francoise Schott  Jaime Vega Bella Celestial
5pm	Ronald Skura +	Joan Skura
22  9am  11 am	All deceased members of Michaelangelo & Family Consolacion Muya +	Marie Cervantes  Elena & Ligaya Manuel



### 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.*



## Holy Cross Church Restoration Project Spring 2024

In preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish

For decades, Holy Cross Parish has been the spiritual cornerstone of our community in East York. It has not only served as a place of worship but also as a symbol of our shared faith and heritage – a sanctuary where we gather to celebrate our faith, share our joys and sorrows and strengthen our bonds with one another. Holy Cross Parish has become an integral part of our lives, offering us spiritual guidance, a sense of belonging and a place to call home.

However, the passage of time and exposure to elements have left our church in need of significant facelift. The envisioned restorations are crucial to receiving the beauty of our sacred space and preserving its historic significance. At this point of time, there is an immediate need for the restoration of our church. The restoration projects listed below will be carried out in three phases.

Phase 1 – Repainting of the interior of the church; Re-carpeting with commercial grade carpet.
Phase 2 – Ventilation and air-conditioning; improvements, and electrical upgrade.
Phase 3 – Repositioning of the Tabernacle from the north side of the church to the centre of the sanctuary; cleaning of Mosaic Walls.

**The estimated cost of restoration is approximately \$300,000.**

While this is a significant undertaking, we believe that with your generous support, we can breathe new life into our beloved church.

To make a donation, you can follow these steps:

1. Fill out the donation form and enclose your cheque, payable to "Holy Cross Parish", in your blue envelope designated for the renovation fund. Donation envelope will also be available in the pews.
2. You have several options for delivering your donation: * Mail or drop off your donation to the parish office's door mail slot. * Drop in the box at the entrance of the church. * Hand it during the mass offertory.
3. If you prefer to donate online, please visit <a href="http://holycrossto.archtoronto.org">holycrossto.archtoronto.org</a> and click <b>DONATE</b> . When donating online, make sure to include a note specifying that it is for the "Restoration Project"

All donations will be acknowledged with a charitable tax receipt.  
*We've got a lot of work ahead of us, and your donation will make it much easier to get things done and thrust us forward. We thank you in advance for your support and for your desire to help us succeed in this venture. With each donation we receive, we become all that much closer to our goal. Thank you for making a difference through your compassion and generosity. – Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio*



**Welcome  
New  
Parishioners**

### Welcome New Parishioners

Holy Cross Parish warmly invites all new parishioners to join us for a special Mass dedicated to welcoming you into our community. The Mass will take place on **Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm**. Following the Mass, there will be a small gathering in the church basement where you can meet fellow parishioners and members of various ministries and learn more about our vibrant community. There are also refreshments to enjoy! This is a great opportunity to connect and to share in the joy of fellowship. Come and experience the warmth of our community and the richness of our faith. We look forward to meeting you and celebrating together!



**Isabel Victoria Pogue** – congratulations on your Confirmation! May you hold the love for Jesus Christ in your heart forever!  
Oct 14 during the 5pm mass.

### MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

Please note that we will be taking a headcount this weekend, **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup>** and next weekend, **Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup>**. This is to provide the Archdiocese of Toronto with an accurate profile of Mass attendance. Thank you for your participation!



Confirmation (Grade 7 and up)  
Nov 11 Saturday  
Parents & Candidate  
Registration & Parent Info-Session 11am – Parish Hall

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.** Are you interested in becoming Catholic? or know of someone who is interested, or want more information, please call the office 416-421-5225 or email: [holycrossto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrossto@archtoronto.org) to obtain a registration form or visit our website [holycrossto.archtoronto.org](http://holycrossto.archtoronto.org)



CWL is collecting **new** and **slightly** used articles for our November Bazaar. Please leave items in the church foyer or see Claudette for more info or call 416-467-0720.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered to  
**Romeo Manuel**  
"Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord"  
as requested by: Mila Benedicto  
Oct 10 to 17

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.



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