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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.

Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
23 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
24 Tues, 9am	Fortunata Nuezca +	Josie Carino
25 Wed, 9am	You Soon (Maria) Ju +
26 Thur, 9am	You Son (Maria) Ju +
27 Fri, 9am	You Soon (Maria) Ju +
28 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + You Soon (Maria) Ju + Romeo Manuel + Jose Botelho Cabral + Birthday Thanksgiving – Reggie Budong Nikola & Sharon Holy Cross Ministries Holy Cross School Staff Fe & Vinda Olase
5pm	Thanksgiving – Marian Malik	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
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9am	16 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Audrey Jacinto	Nerissa Jacinto
11 am	Thanksgiving – Eleanor & Jesse Fernandez	Elena & Ligaya Manuel

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21 – The Question about Paying Taxes

Being a Missionary

This weekend the entire church celebrates World Mission Sunday in which we renew our missionary commitment to the Gospel. Pope Francis said that “the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord’s help.” The Holy Father exhorts all of us to see ourselves as missionaries.

In today’s first reading, the Lord says to us “I call you by your name.” This invitation to be a missionary is deeply personal. All of us are called by the Lord to serve him with our whole lives and help spread the Gospel to those around us. One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says to give “God the things that are God’s.” Is not our entire life God’s? He is the one who created us and blessed us with countless gifts which are all owed back to him. Cardinal Collins says in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* that “A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must eventually give an account to the Master.” Let us seek to give of ourselves to our parish community in order to live out our missionary call of stewardship.

Summary

Pope Francis said that “the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one.” One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship. Let us strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and offer them back to the God for Jesus says in today’s Gospel to give “God the things that are God’s”

<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.*



Holy Cross Church Restoration Project Spring 2024

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Parish

Holy Cross Parish is embarking on an essential endeavor that relies on the collective support and generosity of our community. As you all know, our beloved church has been a place of worship and fellowship for generations. It has served as our spiritual home, bringing comfort and guidance during our life's trials and triumphs. As we gather each week to worship, it becomes apparent that our church building, like our faith, stands as a symbol of strength. However, with the passage of time, the wear and tear of daily use have taken a toll on our beloved church, calling for much-needed restoration. It requires periodic care to continue to provide a warm and safe sanctuary for the present and future parishioners.

The restoration project will be carried out in 3 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.

To make a donation, you can follow these steps:

You can donate by either cash/cheque or you can donate online through Holy Cross Parish website

(<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>) and click Donate or can click the tile called "Building Fund".

Thank you very much for your support and may the grace of the almighty be with each one of us as we undertake this transformative endeavor.

All donations will be acknowledged with a charitable tax receipt.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

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



World Mission Sunday Special Collection, October 22. There will be a 2nd collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection

for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. Thank you for your support of this important work.



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. All proceeds will be donated to the Restoration Project Spring 2024.



Enrolment Ceremony

Oct 14 Sunday

Family Gathering Session 1	10:15am - Parish Hall
Enrolment Ceremony	11am - Church

Preparation sessions for children in 2nd grade or above begin in October. Children and parents meet for six sessions to learn about the Sacrament of reconciliation and eucharist.



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



2023 Altar Server Awards Ceremony Oct 28 Saturday @ 10am at St. Paul's Basilica – 83 Power St. Toronto, ON M5A 3A8

We wish to recognize the service and achievements of our 5 Altar Server Award recipients for this year - **Michael Orillanes; Angelo Beltran; Sean Quinagon; Pia Santos & Gianna Guzman**. Thank you for serving at the Lord's Altar. May you be blessed by your service to God and the church as you assist at Mass and help the priest with other duties. Congratulations!

Special thanks and appreciation to all our Altar Servers' and their coordinator **Shauna D'Souza** for their dedication, commitment, and service. To the **Parents**, we are grateful to you for your support and encouragement for our young children to grow in their faith journey.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered to
Nancy Ingrouville
"For all intentions"
as requested by: Claudette Wilson
Oct 17 to 24

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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