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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

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Oct/NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
30 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
31 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Beth Escabarte	Fe & Vinda Olase
Nov 1 Wed, 9am 7pm	In Memory of all the Saints & All the Departed Clergy of Holy Cross Florence & James Wong + Bennett & Robert Wong
2 Thur, 9am 7pm	In Memory of all the Faithful Departed Cocoheart Szabo-Gregory+
3 1 st Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Ruth Thallion & All deceased CWL members Blessed Adoration Peter Brown + Johnny Boy Santelices + Cocoheart Szabo-Gregory+ Cecilia Boyer+	Claudette Wilson Carol Jean Belenchuk Santelices Family Patricia Boyer
4 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + All deceased members of the Benedicto & Navidad Families. Romeo Manuel + Thanksgiving – To All Saints To all deceased members of the Isaac Family Nikola & Sharon Mila Benedicto Bella Celestial Incoronata Ambrosini Martina Dubois
5 9am 11 am	All deceased members of Legion of Mary Melanio & Francisca Macarayan +	Legion of Mary Teresita Macarayan

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40 – The Greatest Commandment

Love until it Hurts

One of the most commonly used words in today's culture I is "love." It has become so familiar in our regular language that people use the same word to describe their sentiments towards pizza, their pets and their children. Clearly a different level of love exists between those three things but this common usage of the word can slowly lead us to lose the meaning of love in its truest sense.


In the Gospel today, Jesus boils down all of the commandments into loving God with all our being and loving our neighbour as ourselves. In order to fully love God and our neighbour, we need to remind ourselves what the true definition and expression of love is. Love is ultimately a sacrifice. It is willing the good of the other, which involves us foregoing our own interests for theirs.

St. Teresa of Calcutta beautifully says that for "love to be real, it must cost—it must hurt—it must empty us of self." As stewards, we should always keep this understanding of love in our minds because stewardship is essentially a life of love. With this true understanding, we will not be surprised when we face difficulties or suffering in our ministry. Likewise, it helps us ask ourselves if we're being too comfortable in our generosity and challenges us to give even more of ourselves. Let us seek to constantly serve God and our neighbour in our parish community out of a deep love for them.

Summary


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<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.



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.



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

Congratulations to our Altar Server award recipients **Michael Orillanes; Angelo Beltran; Sean**

Quinagon; Pia Santos & Gianna Guzman.



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.



Month of November. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for all the souls who have departed. This occasion can be a great day to hold prayers and feast for the

commemoration of all the departed ones. You are invited to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have died in the Book of the names of the dead at the front of the Church. This is an opportunity to share in the prayer of the community for those who have died and those that we still hold close to our hearts. All Souls Day envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those who wish to make an offering for Masses that will be celebrated on that day. They may be placed in the collection basket or in one of the four prayer intention boxes along the back counters.

Mass Schedule	
Nov 1 Wednesday	9am & 7pm
Nov 2 Thursday	9am & 7pm
Nov 3 Friday	9am & 7pm
Nov 10 Friday – Aside from our regular mass @ 9am, we will have a Remembrance Day Service @ 7pm. We pray for all the faithfully departed. Family members and friends of those deceased who held the funeral mass in our church from 2019 to present are invited to remember their loved ones. All are welcome.	

All Souls Day November 2nd

On the occasion of All Souls Day, let us not forget to pray for the departed souls and remember them in our prayers. Mass will be celebrated according to the regular Thursday schedule, however the 7pm Mass will be celebrated with Solemnity; everyone is invited to attend.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered to
Romeo Manuel
"Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord"
as requested by: **Claudette Wilson**
Oct 24 to 31

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.

Adoration and Holy Hour – Nov 3rd, 1st Friday 7pm mass.
Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament



Daylight Savings Time Ends: Daylight savings time ends Sunday Nov 5th, 2023. Don't forget to turn your clocks and watches back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

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

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