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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor

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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>		
NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Jan Rick Macarayan +	Teresita Macarayan
8 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. Fred	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
9 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – to the Holy Spirit for His love
10 Fri, 9am	Helena Heath +	Martina Dubois
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Libertado Santos + Paul Magee + Romeo Manuel + Carolina Bautista + Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Nikola & Sharon Edith Riva Gene & Vivian Beltijar Monica Sigue Vienna Bautista Ella Ferris
5pm	Dan Ingrouville +	Ingrouville Family
12 9am	Deceased & Living benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul	SVP
11 am	June & Patrick Burns +	Teresita Macarayan

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13 – *The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids*

Living with a Holy Fear


In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.


Summary

While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.



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

The restoration project will be carried out in 3 phases.

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| 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.



With Advent and Christmas season approaching, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting names of individuals and families who need help this Christmas. Please call 416-421-5225 (ext.3) and leave your name & phone number. An SSVP volunteer will be in touch. Cut-off date for this event is Nov. 30, 2023.



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.



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.

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.



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.

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.



Congratulations to our Altar Server award recipients
Michael Orillanes; Angelo Beltran; Sean Quinagon; Pia Santos & Gianna Guzman.

May you be blessed by your service to God and the church as you assist at Mass.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered as Thanksgiving to All Saints as requested by: Inoronata Ambrosini Oct 31 to 7

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.

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



Nov 11, 2023

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember them”

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