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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>		
NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
13 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
14 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang	Therese De Manche
15 Wed, 9am	Angeles Gasis +	Ninfa Gasis
16 Thurs, 9am	Andrea Dubois Shaw +	Martina Dubois
17 Fri, 9am	Gerry Boudreau & Aris Doumouras +	Karin Doumouras & Family
18 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Nic Barte + Maria & Emmanuel Lopez Jr. + Pedro Bolo Jr. + Maxima Guttierrez Thanksgiving – To the Holy Spirit Nikola & Sharon Jaime Vega Jennifer Trelle Melania Bitendizadeh Fe & Vinda Olase Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	For good health - Nancy Ingrouville	Rosemary & Ed Piwuwarcyk
19 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Cecelia Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
11 am	Joyce Mulock +	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.

<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

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.



With Advent and Christmas season approaching, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting names of individuals and families needing 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.-



First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Nov 19 Sunday
Family Gathering Session 2
Parish Hall @ 10:15am

Writing Contests

Annual Friars Student Writing Contest Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023,

to January 15, 2024) **Theme: “You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself.”** (Luke 10:27). High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <http://surl.li/mlfkw> and submit their entries at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



A big THANK YOU to all our parishioners and to everyone who supported the bazaar last week. We hope that you will join us again next year!



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.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered for Ducusin & Villaluz Families
“Remembering those who are gone but always with us”
as requested by: Ducusin Family
Nov 7 to 14

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.



The Shepherds’ Trust Special Collection, November 19, 2023. The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds’ Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.



Advent Confession Schedule
Dec 12 from 6pm with Fr. Freddy & Fr. Nabine
Holy Cross School – Dec 13 from 9:30am



Would you like to help host the after mass refreshment? We will begin on December 15 and ends with the 5pm

mass on the 23th of December.

We will host a refreshment table after the 7pm mass each night for 9 days. Everyone is invited to spend time with fellow parishioners. Enjoy some hot chocolate, tea, coffee and homemade (and some store bought) treats along with great company. Sit and stay for as long or as little as you like. Or feel free to grab-and-go if you’re on the run. Whatever works for you and your family.

Simbang Gabi Schedule

Dec 15 Fri - 7pm	Dec 16 Sat - 5pm	Dec 17 Sun – 7pm
Dec 18 Mon – 7pm	Dec 19 – Tue 7pm	Dec 20 Wed – 7pm
Dec 21 Thurs – 7pm	Dec 22 Fri – 7pm	Dec 23 Sat – 5pm

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