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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 + Maria & Emmanuel Lopez Jr. + Pedro Bolo Jr. + Maxima Gutierrez + Nic Barte + Thanksgiving – To the Holy Spirit Nikola & Sharon Jennifer Trelle Melania Bitendizadeh Fe & Vinda Olase Jaime Vega Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	Nancy Ingrouville – for good health	Rosemary & Ed Piwuwarczyk
19 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving - Cecelia Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
11 am	Joyce Mulock +	Teresita Macarayan

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30 – The Parable of the Talents

Entering into our Master's Joy

“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master.” These are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. The parable of the talents is often seen as the classical parable on stewardship. Let us take some time reflecting on it more deeply today.

Cardinal Collins comments on this parable in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* saying, “As good stewards, we are meant to use God’s gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God’s gifts to Him with increase.” The key word in that sentence is increase. Although the third slave did not waste or squander the talents or gifts he had received, the Master did not utter that beautiful phrase to him. The third slave did not work so as to create an increase of his goods. Stewardship always remains as an active way of life.

If we want to hear those beautiful words at our judgement we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. How well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church? Let us not be passive in our service but seek ways to be used as an instrument of God. Let us start with prayer and move into acts of charity. We can serve in our parish community whether it be joining various ministries or helping people in need. This weekend let us renew our commitment to serving Christ.

Summary
“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master” are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. If we want to hear that spoken to us at our judgement we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. Let us ask ourselves, how well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church?



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.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be organizing its annual Christmas Toy drive for the needy children in our parish. A Christmas tree will be placed in the front foyer decorated with gift tags during the weekend of Nov.18/19 or Nov.25/26. Unwrapped gifts with tags should be returned by Dec.2/3. and handed to one of our members who will be available at each mass.



Saturday Nov 25 Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony @ 9am ; Confirmation Retreat 10 to 3pm at the Parish Hall.



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.



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



Advent Confession Schedule

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



Simbang Gabi – 9 days novena. Would you like to be a sponsor 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 (9 days Novena before Christmas)

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

**Fund raising & other
Special Events**

Date	Agenda / Items
Dec 2, Sat (9am)	Bingo, X’mas Bazaar, Bake Sale, Raffle Draw
Dec 3, Sun (9am)	X’mas Bazaar, Bake Sale
Dec 9, Sat (6pm)	Choir & friends X’mas Party
Dec 10, Sun (12noon)	50/50 Draw
All proceeds will go to the Phase 1 Restoration Project	



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered for
Andrea Dubois Shaw
“May you rest in peace, as memories of you live on...”
as requested by: Martina Dubois
Nov 14 to 21

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.



Children’s Liturgy Word of the Lord Starting **Dec 3 Sunday**, kids are invited to hear and experience God’s Word at their level through stories, prayer, art and music.



What Is Advent?

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

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