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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>		
NOV / DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
27 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
28 Tues, 9am	Victoria Jocson +	Ducusin Family
29 Wed, 9am	Maria De Manche +	Therese De Manche
30 Thurs, 9am	Romeo Manuel +	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Dec 1 (1 st Fri) 6pm 7pm	Romeo Manuel + Holy Hour Maria Encarnacion "Ennie" Cabrera Paner + Floro & Dionisia +	Oscar & Severina Mamaril Sarah Paner
Dec 2 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Carolina & Sofronio Bautista + Shirley Kalak + Thanksgiving – Beth Ibe Helen Huether + Nikola & Sharon Vienna Bautista Frances Dickie Lou & Ching Fernandez Rosemarie Dale & Family +
Dec 3 9am 11 am	Thanksgiving - Gene & Vivian Beltijar Desmond Leahy +	Vivian Beltijar The Leahy Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

34th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Christ the King
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46 - The Judgment of the Nations

Serving Christ through Others

On this feast day of Christ the King we hear the account of the judgement of the nations where Christ will separate the sheep and the goats. Jesus clearly outlines what criteria He is looking for in order to determine which side we fall into. This criteria boils down into love and stewardship.

Jesus says “just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” He beautifully teaches us that when we serve the hungry, the stranger, the naked, the sick or the poor, we are not solely serving humans. Rather, we are serving Jesus Himself. This is the extraordinary call of all stewards. We are called to share our time and gifts with those around us and in doing so, display charity towards God Himself.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need. That is true stewardship, and we are called to do likewise.” Let us take some time today to ask ourselves, how well are we living up to this call of serving the “least of these brothers and sisters” in our own parish community. There are many ways in which we can all contribute, how are we playing our part for Christ?

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

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.

We also need help in wrapping these gifts on Dec 9 Saturday between 9:00 am to 12 pm. Youth can bring their volunteer forms for sign-up of volunteer hours. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Advent Confession Schedule

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



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.



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.

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



Dec 3. Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent:

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things. **Pray** for opportunities to learn something new about God regularly. **Pray** for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life. **Pray** for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it. **Pray** for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances. **Pray** for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more. **Pray** for joy and a sense of humor. **Pray** for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life. **Pray** for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.



Rite of Acceptance Dec 3 Sunday.

The RCIA begins with a period of inquiry and maturing. This is a time for hearing the first preaching of the Gospel and of prayer. The end of this period is marked by the first stage or step which is celebrated by the whole community: The Rite of Becoming A Catechumen.

The second period is called the Catechumenate. This is a time of more intense preaching and teaching of the Gospel, prayer, spiritual direction, catechesis - the handing on the specific Roman Catholic traditions and personal contact with members of the larger Christian community.

The third period takes place during Lent. It is a time of purification and enlightenment or illumination for a more profound spiritual preparation. Its focus and conclusion is the Easter Vigil celebration and the sacraments of initiation.

The final period takes place during the Easter Season. The newly baptized are able to deepen their experience of the sacraments and of being new members of the Christian community.

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 as
Thanksgiving for Cecilia Celestine
“Remembering the goodness of God”
as requested by: Cecilia Celestine
Nov 21 to 28

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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