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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

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
4 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
5 Tues, 9am	Maura de Rosas +	Melania Bitendizadeh
6 Wed, 9am	Maxima Gutierrez +	Ducusin Family
7 Thurs, 9am	Maria De Manche +	Carmel & Patrick Galvin
Dec 8 Fri	Thanksgiving – Bella Celestial	Bella Celestial
Dec 9 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for His love Edgar Paredes – for healing Nikola & Sharon Melania Bitendizadeh
5pm	Thanksgiving - Felicitas Donato	Elena Manuel
Dec 10 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Katharina Doumouras	Karin Doumouras & Family
11 am	Mike & Cesina Pulla +	Adriana Cammisa & Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37 - *The Necessity for Watchfulness*

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Summary

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

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.



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.

Fund raising & other Special Events

Date	Agenda / Items
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	

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



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered.

In memory of Resty Foronda

“Always in our hearts”

as requested by: Estela Foronda

Nov 28 to Dec 5

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



Advent 1: “Hope”



Dec 3 Rite of Acceptance. Let us pray for our candidates. Heavenly Father, you call us to relationship with you through the death and resurrection of your Son, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds and hearts as we begin this RCIA process that we may deepen our

faith in you, our hope for eternal life, and our love for you and our neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bookings for 2024 MASS
are now accepted.

Email us at

holycrossto@archtoronto.org

Fill up the Mass Request Form and drop it in the office’s mail slot.

The form is available at the Church entrances.

You can give your donation either in cash or in cheque addressed to Holy Cross Parish. Thank you very much.



2024

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER – Starting next week, you can get your offertory envelopes from the ushers at the Church entrance after each Mass.

Important Notice: We reassigned some individual envelope numbers and assigned envelope numbers to new members. In order to record the offerings efficiently and appropriately, we hereby appeal to our parishioners, before dropping your envelope/s in the offertory box, please do not forget to indicate your name & the amount for our proper accounting. Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.



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