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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>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
11 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
12 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Oscar & Severina Mamaril	Oscar & Severina Mamaril
13 Wed, 9am	Maria Encarnacion “Ennie” Cabrera Paner +	Paner Family
14 Thurs, 9am	Doralba Navarro +	Marcela Navarro
Dec 15 Fri 9am	Thanksgiving – Remy Simbulan	Elena Manuel
7pm	Thanksgiving - KC Medalle Thanksgiving – Alya Ohanna Montille	Mila Benedicto Galla & Mark Bertoia
Dec 16 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosemarie Rivers + Maria De Manche + Thanksgiving – Draya & Dennison Ducusin Rodolfo Montille + Vilma Galido Demingoy+ Nikola & Sharon Thelma Miranda Nelson & Nelia Ducusin Galla & Mark Bertoia Carino & Apil Families
5pm	Thanksgiving – Macarayan Family	Teresita Macarayan
Dec 17 9am	Alfred Arcangel +	Claudette Wilson
11 am	Maria, Cocetta, Rocco & Ramon Lamanna+	Giovanna Cornacchia

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
2nd Sunday of Advent
 Gospel: Mark 1.1-8 – *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

Preparing the Way of the Lord


“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments. However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

Summary


As stewards, we must imitate the example of John the Baptist and help prepare the way for others to encounter Christ. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season, as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles.

<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.



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

Date	Agenda / Items
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 as Thanksgiving for
Fr. Godofredo Claudio
“Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above.”
as requested by: Remy & Lydia
Dec 5 to 12

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.



**Advent 2:
PEACE**

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This

Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



Our **Bake And Bazaar Sale** was a great success! **Big Thank you** to our

DONORS – none of our success would be possible without your generosity. To our **DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS** – we wouldn’t have achieved our success without your help. To those who came, **thank you for being our customer**. Without you, we would cease to exist. Thank you for coming and for your continuous support!

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.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection will be held the weekend of Dec. 16/17. This special collection funds the work of our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree program. Please use the St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection envelopes left in the pews for this purpose. Tax receipts for donations greater than \$ 20 will be issued. On behalf of our neighbors in need, the Society thanks you for your generosity and kindness during this special season.

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