

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
1 Mon, 9am 11am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Darcy D’Souza	D’Souza Family
2 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Claudette Wilson	Claudette Wilson
3 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Shirley Dillon	Claudette Wilson
4 Thurs, 9am	Maggie C. Mathias +	Louis Mathias
5 (1 st Fri) 9am 6pm 7pm	Thanksgiving – Bella Celestial Holy Hour All Souls in Purgatory	Claudette Wilson Incoronata Ambrosini
6 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rocco Felicita + Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	Thanksgiving- Mr & Mrs Pia Jung	Helena Lee
7 9am	Maggie C. Mathias +	Louis Mathias
11 am	Thanksgiving – Myrtle Saldanha	D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 - The Presentation

Creating Countless Holy Families

On this First Sunday after Christmas the Church invites all of us to reflect on the beauty of the Holy Family. It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. St. John Paul II says that “the Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.”

The Holy Family teaches us how to work towards holiness through our daily family life. St. Josemaria Escriva says that “in the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things.”

Essentially, the Holy Family did ordinary things with extraordinary love. They too had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform. Yet, endowed with love for one another, these seemingly minute tasks became great sources of sanctification. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family. One tangible thing we can avoid is complaining about performing house chores but rather strive to see them as an opportunity to love our family members, and by extension, love Christ. As we strive to be stewards in our parish communities, let us also follow the model of the Holy Family and be stewards in our own homes and, by extension, our parish communities as well.

Summary

It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did all these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

<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.



Children’s Liturgy Word of the Lord
Kids are invited to hear and experience God’s Word at their level through stories, prayer, art and music.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered as Birthday Thanksgiving to Milagros Benedicto “Our heartiest wishes to you on your birthday” as requested by: Quinagon Family Dec 26 to Jan 2

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.

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 – 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.



Fr. Godofredo “Freddie” Claudio

NEW YEAR’S MESSAGE 2024

Happy New Year! Happy feast day of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

We are in the season that celebrates the Birth of the Emmanuel – *God-with-us*, the Lord Jesus.

As we end the year 2023, and begin a New Year, I invite us all to remember the goodness and love of God to us all. Did we really feel His love and goodness? When was the last time you have been thankful to God? Have you ever said “Thank You Lord God for my life, my job, my loved ones?” Have you ever told Him: “Thank you God for giving me my spouse, or my life partner?” When was the last time you praised Him and thanked Him for your parents?



Let us be thankful to God and put Him first in our thoughts. Let us think of Him and picture Him watching over us and listening to us. Let us focus our attention to God before any person, place or things. Let us think that God

is more powerful. He can do everything. He can provide what we need most in life.

We do not know what will happen in the New Year 2024. We are not sure what will happen in the coming months. However, let us not fear and do not despair nor doubt. Let us turn to God and trust in Him, because He is always with us – the Emmanuel. He is our God whose love and goodness is with us until the end of this world. THANK YOU, LORD, for loving us always!

Again, HAPPY New Year to all! May God bless us all in 2024 and always!



Many thanks to everyone who donated and took part in supporting the events. The level of support we’re receiving is incredible. Thank you for answering our prayers.

Oct to Dec 13	Envelopes	\$8697.05
	Online Donation	\$675.00
Fundraising	Casino Trip	\$1364.00
	Bake & Bazaar Sales	\$3551.55
	50/50 Draw	\$540.00
	Anonymous Donor	\$78032.77
Grand Total		\$92860.37

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