

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 11am	NO MASS	
9 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Inconronata Ambrosini	Claudette Wilson
10 Wed, 9am	Norberto Pasia +	Ducusin Family
11 Thurs, 9am	Wallie Landicho +	Ducusin Family
12 Fri, 9am	All deceased members of Miranda Family	Thelma Miranda
13 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Carmine Giovanni & Rita + Terry Brown – For good health Thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Blessed Trinity, All Saints, Holy Angels & Blessed. Inconronata Ambrosini Helena Lee Lella
5pm	Thanksgiving – Orillanes Family	Orillanes Family
14 9am	Karin Doumouras – Thanksgiving for blessings received	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Thanksgiving – Carl D’Souza	D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 - The Visit of the Wise Men

Becoming a Star

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.


St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.”

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

Summary


This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

<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
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Jan 2 to 9

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.



Holy Cross Volunteers - Special thanks to the Volunteers who were involved in the fundraising events.

Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our Church. We have not thanked you enough, and want to let you know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do. We

cannot do it without you. We would not want to do it without you. You bring ideas, positive energy and a beautiful intensity. I hope you will come back and join us soon, and maybe even bring a friend with you! The good you do returns to you a hundredfold.

<p>For Mass Requests, Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and other inquiries</p> <p>Please send us an email at holycrossto@archtoronto.org or call 416-421-5225 (press 0), leave a detailed message and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can.</p> <p><i>For St. Vincent de Paul please press 3 and leave your message.</i></p>
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<p>CONFESSION SCHEDULE</p> <p>Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p><i>For any other day, email us to book an appointment</i></p>

<p>2024 Offertory Envelopes</p> <p>You can get your offertory envelopes from the ushers at the church entrance after each mass.</p> <p>Mailing Address</p> <p>For the 2023 Tax Receipt Issuance, kindly UPDATE your mailing address. If there is a change in your home address, please send us an email at holycrossto@archtoronto.org as soon as possible.</p>

	<p>For offertories received after December 31st, the tax receipt will be issued in 2025.</p>
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	<p>Ways to Support Your Parish</p> <p>Online through the “ Support Your Parish “initiative through the Archdiocese of Toronto. The link can be found on our Home Page.</p> <p>Online through our existing PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program. Contact the office for more information.</p> <p>By placing a cheque in your traditional offertory envelopes and mailing to the parish office: HolyCross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.</p> <p>No matter how you chose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever.</p> <p>Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.</p>
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Are you new in the Parish?

If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket.

Kindly provide us with the complete information so that the Parish office will then contact you.

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