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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

Mass Intentions

Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
15 11am	NO MASS	
16 Tues, 9am	Erlinda Vicencio +	Ducusin Family
17 Wed, 9am	Bebi +	Incoronata Ambrosini
18 Thurs, 9am	Angeli +	Incoronata Ambrosini
19 Fri, 9am	Pedro Bato +	Patricia Boyer
20 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Ruvitte Montille + Vicente Mojita + Severina Mamaril + Jocelyn Hernandez Villacorta + Galla & Mark Bertoia Mila Benedicto Elena & Ligaya Manuel Rico & Yvette Beltran
5pm	Alice & Ray Moreau +	Mary Moreau
21 9am	Joel Noel +	David & Anita Murnaghan
11 am	Severina Mamaril +	Nitz Amparo

Meditate on
God's
Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: John 1.35-42– *The First Disciples of Jesus*

Heeding the Call of Christ

“Come and see.” These are the words of invitation that Jesus says to His first disciples and that He still says to us 2000 years later. This is the call of the steward, to come and see the goodness of the Lord. Let us reflect more deeply on the figure of St. Andrew in this episode and seek ways to imitate him.

Firstly, when Jesus invited him, it says that Andrew obeyed and “came and saw.” He readily and wholeheartedly heeded the call of Christ. After his encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Once we encounter the love and goodness of God we too can no longer hold onto our past lives. Let us strive to continue to journey with God, going ever more deeper into His love. If we have not yet personally encountered Christ, let us remember that Christ longs for us to be with Him so it is never too late to turn to Him.

Moreover, upon meeting Christ, Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. He brings Simon to Jesus which leads to Simon’s call to follow Christ and is where he receives the name Peter. True stewardship leads to evangelization. Once we’ve experienced the joy of the Gospel, we too should seek to bring others into this joy. Perhaps one act we can do this week is invite a friend to Mass or a parish event so that they too can begin to “come and see” the Lord.

Summary

In the Gospel today, after Andrew’s encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Moreover, upon meeting Christ Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. As stewards, let us constantly seek to go deeper in our relationship with Christ and strive to invite others to the parish so that they too may “come and see” the goodness of the Lord.

<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

Thanksgiving

Claudette Wilson

“A grateful heart is a magnet of miracles.”

as requested by: Claudette Wilson

Jan 9 - 16

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.



2024 Offertory Envelopes

For those who have not yet picked up the 2024 Offertory Envelopes, please do so that way you can start using it now.



Communion for the Household

Please let us know if you have relatives or friends who need visitation or communion. We bring Holy Communion to the household every 1st Friday of the month.

You may contact our parish office at 416-421-5225 to give us your information or approach any of our Eucharistic Ministers.

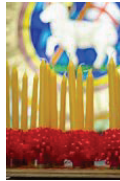
Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



1st of February

6pm - Holy Hour for 1st Friday – Benediction and confession

7pm – Mass



2nd of February

The best time to bless your candles would be the 2nd of February when the Church celebrates the festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day has been chosen by the Church for a very important ceremony, the solemn blessing of candles, whence the day is often called Candlemas — the Mass of the candles. For the **Blessing of Candles** parishioners should bring candles from home so that they may be blessed alongside the candles that will be used in the church this year.



14th of February Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter. This is a Christian observance which represents the first day of Lent and the starting of approximately 6 weeks of fasting and penance. “When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are **sorry for our sins** and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy”

Mass schedule	
HC Service	9am & 7pm
HC School	10:30am



The Catholic Women’s League will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, Feb 11, 2024** in the Parish Hall. Aside from pancakes they will be serving sausages, orange juice, fruits & coffee. With 2 sittings from 10:00am and 12noon. Tickets are on sale for \$10 adults and \$5.00 for children.



Raffle tickets \$5.00 each with 3- \$100 Gifts Baskets each. For more info, please contact Claudette Wilson 416-467-0720

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