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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>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
22 11am	NO MASS	
23 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Thelma Miranda	Thelma Miranda
24 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Jennifer Ducusin	Ducusin Family
25 Thurs, 9am	Saturnina Quinto +	Ducusin Family
26 Fri, 9am	Yolanda Ngo +	Ducusin Family
27 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Gabriela Montille Eliseo Cruz Jr. + Galla & Mark Bertoia Yvette Beltran
5pm	Mrs Marsh +	Claudette Wilson
28 9am	Thanksgiving – Allan, Lydia Jaikaransingh & Family	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
11 am	Severina Mamaril +	Lou & Ching Fernandez

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1.14-20 – *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Fishing for Christ

“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a “fisher.” It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.


There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they’ve received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we’re already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. If we have backgrounds in finance or accounting, we can use that to help assist various parish ministries. Likewise, if we have experience as a teacher, we can utilize those gifts through various catechist or RCIA groups. This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become “fishers of people,” each in our own way.

Summary


As Jesus calls the apostles, He uses their own language by inviting them to be “fishers of people.” There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. This is the heart of stewardship, so let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call of Christ to become “fishers of people,” each in our own way.

<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. It’s a quiet and fun way to involve your kids in worship and teach them the bible.



The Special Devotion Candle is being offered
In Memory of
The Mathias & Hendricks Families
“In memory of those who are gone, but not forgotten
and are always with us.”
as requested by: Louis Mathias
Jan 16-23

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.

2023 Tax Receipts

“2023 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday January 26th”.



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.

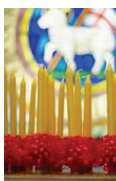
Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS



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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