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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**

## Mass Intentions

Jan/Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
29 11am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
30 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Restituta Requiz	Ducusin Family
31 Wed, 9am	Rosita Jala +	Ybarola Family
Feb 1 Thurs, 9am	Severina Mamaril +	Ducusin Family
2 Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Severina Mamaril + Holy Hour Eugenia Valencia + Thanksgiving – Fe Olase	Mila Benedicto  Valencia Family Elena Manuel
3 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Severina Mamaril + Thanksgiving – Fe Olase  Julita Jacinto + Blair Boudreau +	..... Beltijar Family Beth & Connie Escabarte Nerissa Jacinto Karin Doumouras
5pm	Michelina Ruscillo +	Ruscillo Family
4 9am	Severina Mamaril +	Darcy Family
11 am	Grace Lobo +	D'Souza Family

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

*4th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28 – *The Man with an Unclean Spirit*

### *Spreading Jesus' Fame*

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus delivering a man with an unclean spirit. When the crowds saw this great miracle they were all amazed by Jesus' words and deeds and began to speak about Him in astonishment. The Gospel ends by saying that "at once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." The news of this miracle helped others in the region come to know about Jesus.

So too, as stewards of Christ we should share with others the wonderful deeds God has done for us. All of us who have chosen to follow Christ more closely have our own testimony of how God entered into our lives. St. Peter says that it is important to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Therefore, whenever someone asks us why we take our faith and stewardship so seriously, we should be able to tell them why. These are prime opportunities to share the faith with others. The next time a family member or friend asks us why we choose to follow Christ, let us share with them how God has beautifully worked in our lives. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese. Bishop Robert Barron says that "the minute you walk outside of your church on Sunday you're in mission territory." As stewards, let us live this missionary call and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

### *Summary*

In the Gospel today it says that after Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit that his "fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." So too, as stewards of Christ we should share the wonderful deeds God has done for us in order to evangelize those around us. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese.

<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 100<sup>th</sup> 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  
Prayer of Peace  
“The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.”  
as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini  
Jan 23 -30

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.

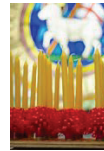
**2023 Tax Receipts**

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

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE-Shrines of Portugal, Spain and France  
Nov. 4-14, 2024 Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Freddy Claudio**

Total Cost: \$3,950.00, Included in the cost: Round trip fare from Toronto. Accommodation based on twin or triple occupancy. Daily breakfast and dinner. Tours as per itinerary. Services of professional English-speaking guides. All entrance fees to places of interest; deposit of \$400.00 guarantees you a spot! Pay by cash/cheque or e-transfer and avail of a rebate of \$125.00. For more info please contacts: Tour Leader: Tessie Lapar-416-846-4603 Demfer Travels Inc.: 905-279-8000

*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**2<sup>nd</sup> of February**  
**6pm - Holy Hour for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday –  
Benediction and confession**  
**7pm – Mass**

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. For the **Blessing of Candles** parishioners should bring candles from home.



**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



**Feb 11, 2024 @ 3pm Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo** The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto)

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, please register early. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. For registration and other important info, go online [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



**14<sup>th</sup> 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

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