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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>		
Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
5 11am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
6 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Claire Aaron	Claudette Wilson
7 Wed, 9am	Joyce Meredith Johnston +	Ducusin Family
8 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Peter & Olivia Geekie	Julia Geekie
9 Fri, 9am	Elisa Santos +	Santos & de Leon Families
10 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Giuseppe Ed Mario +  In Honour to Our Lady of Sorrow Angelo Nunno +	..... Incoronata Ambrosini Incoronata Ambrosini Theresa Nunno
5pm	Severina Mamaril +	Beth & Connie Escabarte
11 9am	Thanksgiving – Cervantes son's & grandchildren	Marie Cervantes
11 am	For the gift of love & healing – Fr. James Reposkey	Claudette Wilson

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
*5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39 – *Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House*

*Reflect*


This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that “Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues.” St. Francis Xavier says that “many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.” As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work.

Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that “we must all try to be preachers through our deeds.” By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness.


*Summary*

Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship we should heed the words of St. Paul who says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.



*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.
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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 as memorial prayers for suffering souls in purgatory.  
“May they rest in eternal peace”  
as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini  
Jan 30 – Feb 6


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**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
 **On Saturday, Feb 10**, there will be a celebration of First Reconciliation @ 10:30am. Please pray for our children who are receiving this sacrament of healing and forgiveness for the first time.

**Pancake Breakfast**  
 **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. Two draws (10am & 12noon) with 3- \$100 Gifts Baskets each. For more info, please contact Claudette Wilson 416-467-0720

**A Lenten Prayer to Bring Beauty from Ashes**  
Dear God, In this season of Lent we’re reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don’t see how our circumstances can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we’ve walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence.

**Ash Wednesday**  
 **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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