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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
12 11am	NO MASS	
13 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mila Benedicto & Family	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
14 Ash Wed 9am 7pm	Severina Mamaril + For Healing – Rosa Chun Benjamin Walker +	Bella Celestial Helena Lee Barbara Read
15 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Helena Lee	Helena Lee
16 Fri, 9am	Aris Doumouras +	Karin Doumouras
17 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners For health – Dora Capone & her family Gloria & Edmundo Uytiepo +	..... Denise Roberts  Eunice Uytiepo
5pm	Thanksgiving - Ninfa Gasis	Eric Pulongbarit & family
18 9am	Marcos, Ramona, Arnel & Diona +	Cora Andal
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Ari Doumouras	Karin Doumouras

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

*6th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
Gospel: Mark 1.40-45 – *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

### *Being a Billboard for Christ*

“You are a billboard for Christ.” These are the words of popular Catholic speaker Father Mike Schmitz. He’s trying to convey that if we are disciples of Christ, everything we do is a representation of Him. This beautiful reality is combined with a heavy responsibility. We must regularly ask ourselves, are we faithfully reflecting the love and goodness of Christ in our lives?


In today’s second reading St. Paul says that “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” As stewards, every facet of our lives should be done to try to glorify God. This does not mean that we must always be in the chapel or being performing extraordinary works of charity. Rather, it means that we must infuse the ordinary events of our life with the powerful love of Christ. One aspect that we can sanctify is our daily work.

We should strive to realize that our work can be the sacrifice that we offer up to God. In realizing that we are working for God, we ourselves will be sanctified. We will slowly realize that everything we do is for Him, spurring us onto greater virtue. This will ultimately lead us to sanctify others for they will see the glory of God in our simple witness. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him through our daily tasks.

### *Summary*


In today’s second reading St. Paul says that “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” As stewards, we can glorify God through our work by realizing that our daily tasks can be the sacrifices we offer up to God. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him throughout our day.

<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.

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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.

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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 Thanksgiving  
“The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.”  
as requested by: Ninfa Gasis  
Feb 6 - 13

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.



Prayers for the Sick - for comfort, strength and healing. In times of sickness and suffering, God’s presence and intervention can provide the extra strength that someone may need ..... **Maria Santelices, William McNeal, Joanne Zdebiak, Raffaele Ruscillo.**



#### 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, Parish office will then contact you.

#### 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. For more info please contacts: Tour Leader: Tessie Lapar-416-846-4603 Demfer Travels Inc.: 905-279-8000

# Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Final thoughts on preparing for Lent.

In preparing yourself for Lent, remember to set yourself up for success. You don’t have to have **BIG, HUGE** plans. You can, if that is where God leads you, but a successful Lent is measured by how close you are to God and how often you turn your minds and hearts to Him. A successful Lent allows you to live out your vocation well as your journey with Jesus through the desert to His passion, suffering, and death on the cross so that you can truly experience the transformation that comes with His Resurrection from the dead-on Easter.



#### 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

Come & See — Discernment Weekend Retreat — March 15–17, 2024 at St. Augustine’s Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine’s Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at the seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee). For more information, please contact us at: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



#### Ways to Support Your Parish

Online through the “ Support Your Parish initiative through the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The link can be found on our Home Page.

Online through our existing **PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program**. Contact the office for more information.

By placing a cheque in your traditional offertory envelopes and mailing to the parish office: HolyCross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.

No matter how you chose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever.

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