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Office Hours:

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

| <i>Mass Intentions</i> | | |
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| Feb | MASS FOR | REQUESTED BY |
| 19 11am | NO MASS | |
| 20 Tues, 9am | Thanksgiving – Ninfa Gasis | Monica Sigue |
| 21 Wed 9am | Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin + | Ducusin Family |
| 22 Thurs, 9am | Birthday Thanksgiving – Tirzah Celestine | Cecelia Celestine |
| 23 Fri, 9am | Kristian Valmeo + | Dennis Ducusin & Family |
| 24 Sat, 9am | All Parishioners Reynaldo Mejilla + Paz Beltran + Mike Zdebiak + | Mercedita Mejilla Beltran Family Joanne Zdebiak |
| 5pm | Severina Mamaril + | Monica Sigue |
| 25 9am | Barbara Crisp + | Skura Family |
| 11 am | Thanksgiving - Julian & Eryl D'Souza | D'Souza Family |

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15 – The Temptation of Jesus

Fighting Temptations

During this First Sunday of Lent we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won't fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour. We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.

Summary

As we read the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert we should realize that we too have to fight temptations. When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. . This Lent, let us begin to run away from occasions of sin and fill ourselves with good things from God instead which will slowly help us grow in holiness.

<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

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,



We would like to share with you the current total of our fundraising campaign for the Holy Cross Restoration Project Spring 2024. Your generosity and commitment to preserving our sacred place have played a vital role in achieving this milestone.

As of February 7, 2024, we now have raised \$120,978 which is 40% of our

\$300,000 goal. We still have \$179,022 to raise so we encourage you to press on with your continued generosity. The support from our community has been truly inspiring, and it reflects the shared value we place on preserving our church.

We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to this cause, whether through financial donations, volunteer efforts, or spreading the news. Your support has made a tangible difference, and we are excited to move forward with the restoration process once we have completed the goal.

Once again, thank you for being a crucial part of this endeavor. May the restored Holy Cross Church continue to be a symbol of hope, faith, and resilience for all.



We're very grateful for your support and as such, your enthusiastic participation made the Sunday Pancake a success. We couldn't have had such a fantastic time without you. Hope to see you again next year!

Cherish every moment photos



Parish Announcements



Friday Feb 23, 2024,
Join us as we gather each Friday during the Lent to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus in this holy season right after the 7pm mass in the church.



Lent Confession
Holy Cross Church – Mar 12 (6 to 7pm)
Holy Cross School – Feb 28 (9:45am)
A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit.
Psalm 51:12



The Special Devotion Candle
Is being offered as Thanksgiving
"There is always something to be
thankful for"
as requested by: Cecelia Celestine
Feb 13-20

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.



Warm welcome to our newest Lector Kristee Regozo and Eucharistic Minister Alisha D'Souza. Thank you for answering the call to serve the Lord.



We'll be taking a break from our Children's Liturgy. Feb 18, 2024 will be the last Sunday and it will resume again by Mar 24, 2024.



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.

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