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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.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Feb/Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
26 11am	NO MASS	
27 Tues, 9am	Benjamin Walker +	Barbara Reid
28 Wed 9am	Thanksgiving – Len & Myrna Tapawan	Len & Myrna Tapawan
29 Thurs, 9am	For healing – Brenda & Larry Beriault	Barbara Reid
Mar 1 1 st Fri, 9am	All deceased members of Ambrosini Family Holy Hour Raymond Stanley Williams +	Incoronata Ambrosini Legion of Mary Holy Cross
2 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph & Blessed Mary Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	Prayers to Holy Face of Jesus	Incoronata Ambrosini
3 9am	Thanksgiving – Shiela Dipasupil	Claudette Wilson
11 am	John Slater +	Linda Slater

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

2nd Sunday of Lent
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10 – *The Transfiguration*

Conquering all through the Love of Christ

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Summary

In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

<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.

Our Goal	300,000.	Fundraised	124266.57
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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.

	The Special Devotion Candle Is being offered in memory of Rocco Felicita "Of a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved." as requested by: Inconronata Ambrosini Feb 20-27
	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.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Lenten/Easter Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need

of the following: (1) **Canned Tuna** (2) **Canned Vegetables and Fruits** (3) **Canned soups** (4) **Spaghetti pasta and Sauce** (5) **Breakfast cereals and pancake mixes.** Thank you.

"We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor."



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 so that the Parish office will then contact you.

Parish Holy Week Schedule & Activities



Date	Activities	Mass / Service
Every Friday from Feb 23 to Mar 22	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm Start with 7pm Mass
Feb 27 Tue	Holy Cross School Lenten Confessions	9:45am to 12noon Fr. Fred, Fr. Vijai, Fr. Nabine, Fr. Gustave
Mar 12 Tue	Parish Lenten Confessions	6 to 7pm FR. Fred & Fr. Nabine
Mar 24 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5pm Mass Sunday: 9 & 11am Mass
Mar 28 Thursday	Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the Feet	No 9am Mass 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
Mar 29 Friday	Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3pm 7pm
Mar 30 Saturday	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	No 9am Mass 8pm
Mar 31 Sunday	Easter Sunday	9 & 11am Mass
Apr 1 Monday	Easter Monday NO Mass / Office is closed	

Soup Night



Mar 22nd, 2024

The **Catholic Women's League** will be hosting a soup night after the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to join.

Sacramental Preparations		
First Holy Communion	Mar 24, Sunday Family Gathering Session 5	Parish Hall @ 10:15am
Confirmation	Mar 24, Sunday Session 1	12:15pm Parish Hall

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