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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

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
4 9am	NO MASS	
5 Tues, 9am	Ford Jocson +	Ducusin Family
6 Wed 9am	Thanksgiving – Cecelia & Tirzah Celestine	Fe & Vinda Olase
7 Thurs, 9am	Pablo Protasio +	Flores Family
8 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Gene & Vivian Beltijar	Ducusin Family
9 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Floro & Dionisia +
5pm	Thanksgiving – Rosa Kim	Helena Lee
10 9am	Juan & Lucena Beltijar +	Gene & Vivian Beltijar
11 am	Lorna D’Souza +	D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

3rd Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 2.13-25 – *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Confession is a Place of Victory

In today’s first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. The Church has always taught that the Ten Commandments are a gift that God has revealed to us to help us orient our lives in a way that best leads us to holiness. In the Gospels, in addition to teaching about the Ten Commandments, Jesus teaches about the importance of loving God and loving our neighbour. The Catechism states that the Ten Commandments “must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law”

As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandments. One common way of doing this is to perform an examination of conscience. This involves reflecting on our own lives in light of the Commandments and their related sins. This isn’t meant to be a sadistic practice of self-loathing but rather an opportunity to see in which ways we can grow in deeper love for Christ and our neighbour.

The best way we can start this process of growth is to avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession. Confession always remains a place of victory for the Lord is achieving our salvation through the forgiveness of our sins. To be reconciled with God is always a source of celebration. Let us not look to our examination of conscience and confession as a place of guilt and defeat. Instead, this Lent let us be cleansed through the grace of the sacrament so that we may grow as ever holier stewards of Christ.

Summary

In today’s first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandment through an examination of conscience. Let us then avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession so that the Lord can victoriously heal us of our sins, helping us grow in holiness.

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


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

	<p>The Special Devotion Candle Is being offered in memory of Carmine Giovanni & Rita</p> <p>“When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.”</p> <p>as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini Feb 27 to Mar 5</p>
<p>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.</p>	

 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.”


 Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are grateful for your support and that of your parish community toward the work of our ShareLife agencies, and for the excellent achievement in the last campaign! The 2024 suggested parish **campaign goal for Holy Cross Parish is \$31500.00**

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
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 7pm
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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