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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

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
18 9am	NO MASS	
19 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Enrique de Leon	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
20 Wed 9am	Mike Zdebiak +	Joanne Zdebiak
21 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue	Ninfa Gasis
22 Fri, 9am	Mercedes Olase +	Fe & Vinda Olase
23 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Sonileo Cruz + Steve Downs + Thanksgiving – Neil Peter In honour of St Joseph, All Saints & birthday blessings for Francesco Yvette Beltran Linda Beaulieu Ching Veces Lella
5pm	Suresh Alfred +	Angela Alfred
24 9am	25 th Thanksgiving birthday – Adam Jaikaransingh	Allan & Lydia Jaikaransingh
11 am	Thanksgiving - Irma & Joel Espanol	Espanol Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 12.20-33 – *Jesus Speaks about His Death*

Heart Speaks to Heart

As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate. As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

Summary

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<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.*



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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 SSVF 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."

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 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 7 pm
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.



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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