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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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299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
25 9am	NO MASS	
26 Tues, 9am	Angelo Nunno +	Theresa Nunno
27 Wed, 9am	Aquileo Magistrado +	Nerissa Jacinto
28 Holy Thurs 9am 7pm	NO MASS Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the feet, followed by Adoration until 10pm	
29 Good Fri 9am 12 & 3pm 7pm	NO MASS Liturgy of the Passion if Christ Stations of the Cross	
30 Sat 9am 7pm	NO MASS Easter Vigil	
31 9am 11 am	Mike & Cesina Pulla + Thanksgiving - Alisha D'Souza	Adriana Cammissa & Family D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Palm (Passion) Sunday

Gospel: Mk 14.1-15.47 – *The Passion of our Lord*

Radical Humility

As we enter Holy Week we are faced with the great paradox of the cross. The crucifixion from a mere human standpoint was an utter and humiliating defeat for Jesus. How could God let Himself be killed by His own creatures? The only way we can recognize the sublime beauty and victory of the cross is if we view it through a Divine lens.

The Jews resisted accepting the necessity of the crucifixion because they expected Him to be a wondrous king that would set them free from the political rule of the Romans. Jesus on the other hand comes as a poor and lowly carpenter sent to set them free not from political tyranny, but from the tyranny of sin. To do this, he “humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus hid all of His Divine majesty with His humanity and allowed Himself to die for love of us. It was because of this humility that “God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name” (Philippians 2:9).

As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. The Lord can bring about tremendous good out of our willingness to humbly serve Him wherever He places us. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives as stewards.

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.*



**Holy Cross Church Restoration Project
Spring 2024**

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Parish

Important Notice

As planned, our Restoration Project is set to start next month, with the re-painting of the interior of the church, re-carpeting, followed by ventilation and air-conditioning, and the repositioning of the Tabernacle from the north side of the church to the center of the sanctuary, and cleaning of the Mosaic walls.


Painting-Altar & main worship; all walls, ceilings, beams, trims and baseboards. Front entrance hallway. Side entrance hallway & stairwell to basement level. Room leading into the side hallway & room across from the altar. All stain doors will be lightly sanded and clear coat with polyurethane.
Re-carpeting-uninstalling church seats & reinstalling after carpet replacement. Removal & disposal of existing carpet. Removal of 250 linear feet of shoe molds on baseboards. Reinstalling new MDF shoe molds on baseboards. Installing new commercial grade carpet.
Air-conditioning
Repositioning of Tabernacle.

The painting and re-carpeting is scheduled to commence on **April 2**, and is estimated to be completed by **July 31, 2024 (hopefully)**. During this period, the church will remain closed for re-painting / re-carpeting purposes. **Starting Apr 2, Tuesday - regular mass services will be held at the basement hall. The front door will be closed for the time being and until further notice. 2 entrances going to the church; side door (Cosburn) & side door (Donlands) going to the garden.**

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work towards creating a better & comfortable environment, beautiful church for all of us. We will continue to share regular status updates. Thank you for your support during this restoration process. You can donate by either cash/cheque or you can donate online through Holy Cross Parish website. 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.



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.

	<p>The Special Devotion Candle Thanksgiving</p> <p>"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." as requested by: Imelda Ramos Mar 19 to 26</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 message of Palm Sunday is one of promise and absolute faith. It shows the importance of believing God, prior to seeing final results. Jesus' arrival into

Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was foretold long before it happened. "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Zechariah 9:9) The Lord's promise to love us unconditionally, to never leave or forsake us, and to do what we cannot do for ourselves, gives us a firm foundation we can stand on. He provides the encouragement and strength to turn our weakness into strength. The message of Palm Sunday points to a Savior who is willing and able to save us from any catastrophe, and he shows us how to best conduct ourselves when emotions run high.

Parish Holy Week Schedule & Activities		
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Date	Activities	Mass / Service
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	No 9am Mass 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	

Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection on Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Our collection is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

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