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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Mass Intentions

Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 9am	NO MASS	
9 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Pauline Taylor & twin sister Helen Chan	Pauline Taylor
10 Wed, 9am	Resty Foronda +	Ducusin Family
11 Thurs, 9am	3 rd death anniversary – Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
12 Fri, 9am	Resty Foronda +	Foronda Family
13 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Prayers for mercy Nancy Ingrouville+ Incoronata Ambrosini Karin Doumouras
5pm	Anthony Richard Godfrey +	Trevor & Anne Godfrey
14 9am	All deceased members of the Doumouras Family	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Henry & Lucinda McErlean +	Skura Family

Meditate on
God's
Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
Gospel: John 20.19-31 - *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

Building a Community of Stewardship

As we continue along in this season of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the lives of the early Christians. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear the wonderful account of them living in great unity and joy as they were “of one heart and soul.” It says that “there was not a needy person among them” because everyone shared of their gifts for the good of the entire community.

This is the perfect model of a community where stewardship reigns. A parish community built on stewardship is one in which every member is welcomed, involved and nourished. The parish should be seen as our second home. It is where we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can love and serve God side by side.

How well are we contributing to the building up of our community of stewardship? We must all play our own role in building up the Church. In the same way the early Christians offered all of themselves for the sake of the mission, we too should offer all of our gifts to the parish. We should spend time praying in the church and journeying with fellow parishioners through the joys and trials of their lives. Moreover, all of our talents and gifts should be offered up to the service of various ministries and apostolates within the parish. In this way, we will be able to echo the words from the first reading and joyfully proclaim: “There was not a needy person among them.”

Summary

In the first reading we hear the wonderful account of the early Christians living a beautiful community of stewardship in which they were all “of one heart and soul.” Likewise, in the same way the early Christians offered all of themselves for the sake of the Church, we too should offer the gifts of our time and talent to our parish community. In this way, we will be able to echo the words from the first reading and joyfully proclaim: “There was not a needy person among them.”

<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.

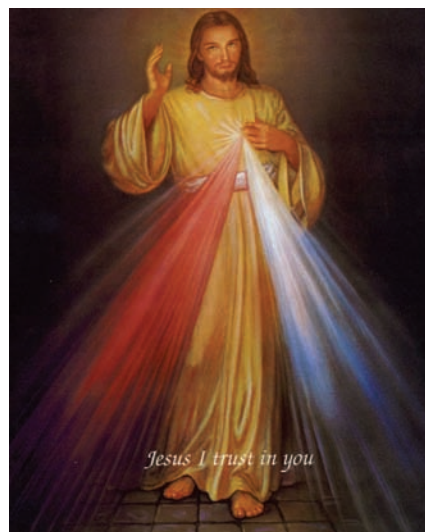
The painting and re-carpeting is scheduled to commence on **April 2**, and is estimated to be completed by **July 31, 2024 (hopefully)**. During this period, the church will remain closed for re-painting / re-carpeting purposes. **Starting Apr 2, Tuesday - regular mass services will be held at the basement 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.

Sacramental Preparations	
Confirmation Apr 7, Sunday	Session 2 12:15 Parish Hall

	The Special Devotion Candle Prayers for Peace "The Lord gives strength to His people; The Lord blesses His people with peace." as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini Apr 2 - 9
	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 Divine Mercy Message and Devotion



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.



We had a tremendous celebration of Holy Week and Easter! The Holy Week ceremonies were truly prayerful and reverent. The Easter Liturgies were joyous!

None of the solemnity, beauty and glory of Holy Week and Easter is possible without the hard work of so many good people. We thank all who worked to ensure that the most sacred time of our Church Year was possible and wonderful.



Prayers for healing, inner strength and comfort.

For the sick – Maria Santileces, Joanne Zdediak, Joseph Kim, John Murphy, Raffaele Ruscillo, William McNeal, Rufina Baquial.



As we remember their life and the impact they had on those around them. Rest in peace, always in our hearts.

For the deceased: Nancy Ingrouville, Dolores Bigtas

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