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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.

Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242

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

Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
15 9am	NO MASS	
16 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Grace Mahia	Grace Mahia
17 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Frank Savazzi	Beth Ibe
18 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – St Padre Pio	Incoronata Ambrosini
19 Fri, 9am	Edward Luck +	Marlen Luck
20 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Prayers for Peace Thanksgiving – St Anthony of Padua Mike Zdebiak + Nancy Ingrouville + Incoronata Ambrosini Anne Fernandez Joanne Zdebiak Holy Cross Lectors
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Mila Valencia	Myrna Ramos
21 9am	All deceased members of the Villaluz Family	Ducusin Family
11 am	Thanksgiving – Pamela Lobo	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
3rd Sunday of Easter
 Gospel: Luke 24.35-48 - *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

Befriending God

One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that “faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure.” Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.


The Catechism teaches that “Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother” (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn’t remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus’ identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

Summary


We all love having friends and since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus because he too is fully human. However, this friendship doesn’t remain like all of our other friendships but is elevated to the status of being friends with God, since Jesus is also fully God. As stewards, let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

<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 14, Sunday	Session 2 12:15 Parish Hall

	The Special Devotion Candle Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy "I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy....." as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini Apr 9 to 16
	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.



In the spirit of community and service, our parishioners/ volunteers have helped prepare a sacred space where people can come together, reflect, and find solace. Whether it's arranging candles, draping cloth, or placing sacred objects, their dedication ensures that the church hall becomes a place of reverence and connection.



May the makeshift altar serve as as a focal point for our spiritual gatherings and meaningful moments.

May their kindness and commitment continue to inspire others. Their selfless efforts are truly commendable!



THANK YOU! Your financial support is deeply appreciated and vital for the church's mission and growth. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and dedication to our church.

Summary of Sunday collections from Jan to March 2024

Sunday Collections (offertory, building funds, Restoration, Easter flower/donations and others, excluding ShareLife)		
Jan \$14032.75	Feb \$14381.00	Mar 14253.40
PAG		
Jan \$1838.08	Feb \$1838.08	Mar 1838.08
Donate Now		
Jan \$3897.17	Feb \$860.02	Mar \$1248.17



Thus far, we have raised \$8065.00 toward our goal of \$31500.00. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity.

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