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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
22 9am	NO MASS	
23 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – St Jude Thaddeus	Incoronata Ambrosini
24 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Frank Savazzi	Monica Sigue
25 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. Roselle Azares	Claudette Wilson
26 Fri, 9am	Angelo Nunno +	Therese Nunno & Family
27 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Ronald Jacinto + Gregoria Nazareno + Cile Rrok Pjetri + Nerissa Jacinto Mila Benedicto George Pjetri
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Mikael Santos	Myrna Ramos
28 9am	Thanksgiving – Grace & Manny Lopez	Claudette Wilson
11 am	Terrel Miranda +	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Gospel: John 10.11-18 – *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

Sheep and Shepherds

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.


As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward.

Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: "to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more labourers" (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

Summary


As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as the Good Shepherd. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. God also calls many people to more closely shepherd His people in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call.

<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.**




Know Your Faith:

Do you ever wonder what the **BOOK OF REVELATION** is all about?

Come and join us as we start our study on this intriguing Book. Four Tuesday evenings: **May 14, 21, 28 + June 4** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall.

Sacramental Preparations	
Confirmation Apr 21, Sunday	Session 4 12:15 Parish Hall



The Special Devotion Candle
Thanksgiving to Baby Jesus

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

as requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini
Apr 16 to 23

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.

Project Budget Status Report

Expenses	
Printing of Restoration leaflet/flyer	152.00
Installation of 7 wall mounted power outlet (church hall)	3932.40
A Class Painting	36894.50
Di Carlo Religious Supply (Tabernacle)	21398.62
Piex Co (carpet)	29378.68
Church hall Minor repair expenses	487.60
Total:	92243.80

Overall fund as of Apr 15, 2024	241,161.62
Less expenses	92243.80
Remaining fund	148917.82

Scope of work: Church Painting
We started the church work Apr 2. We’re happy to highlight that we are on track with the project timeline. As of today, the ceiling and side walls has been painted to the final coat. The cracks in the ceiling & walls has been sanded and plastered. The newly painted section exhibit a fresh vibrancy, enhancing the overall ambiance of the church. The color palette chosen compliments the existing architectural features.

Issues & Actions
We regret to inform you that our beloved church is facing a roof leak (part of the sacristy and basement kitchen) This issue requires immediate attention to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone who gathers here. Our custodian did his best to contain and remedy the leakings, but he can only do so much. Fr. Fred has taken steps to repair our sacred space. Alpine Roofing came and assess the damage and provided an estimate \$4000.00 + HST (4520.00). Leaking on the sections will be repaired in the coming days. This amount will be taken from the Resto Proj fund.



We will continue to provide an update on the status of the project and keep you informed of the progress. If you have any specific concerns or questions, please feel free to email us. Thank you for your **generous donation** to the church! Your support helps us continue our mission and serve the community. May the Lord increase you a thousand fold.



2024 SSVP Lenten/Easter Food Drive – THANK YOU!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners/donors for your generosity during our food drive this year. Our food cupboards are again full and ready to be distributed for all our neighbours in need. We are grateful for your participation and know that you are a vital contributor to the success and initiatives of the Society.

“We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor.”

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