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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00pm

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

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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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jun	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
3 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
4 Tues, 9am	Michelina Ruscillo +	Ruscillo Family
5 Wed, 9am	David Cowan +	Barbara Read
6 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Michael Olase	Fe & Vinda Olase
7 Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Robert Jacinto + Holy Hour Helen Anabu +	Nerissa Jacinto Castillo Family
8 Sat 9am	All Parishioners 25 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Anniversary Rico & Yvette Beltran	..... Cruz & Beltran Family
5pm	Thanksgiving – Gregoria Ramos	Myrna Ramos
9 9am	9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving- Aristea Nguyen	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Taze Tish Pjetri +	George Pjetri

Meditate on  
God's  
Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Gospel: Mark 14.12-16, 22-26 – *The Last Supper*

*You Are What You Eat*

We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is the center of the Mass and of our entire Catholic faith. St. Padre Pio said that “it would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” Let us spend some time reflecting on the Eucharist so that we can echo St. Padre Pio and come to a greater understanding of the beauty of the Mass.

Let us first contemplate what took place 2000 years ago on Good Friday. Jesus’ death on the cross is what won for us our salvation. It was the event that defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that “the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” If we are able to understand just how extraordinary Jesus’ crucifixion was, so too, each and every Mass opens us up to abundant grace and healing.

Moreover, the Mass allows us to receive the very body of Jesus and in doing so, become who we consume. We become another Christ in this world. As stewards, our goal is to imitate Jesus as closely as possible so that we can more fully share of our time and talents with our parish community. Therefore, let us run to Mass as often as we can for Jesus is waiting for us on the altar, waiting to transform us into better stewards for His Kingdom.

*Summary*

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*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.*

Announcements  
& Upcoming  
Events



As we prepare to honor the Feast of the Triumph of Holy Cross Church 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are delighted to invite you.....

On Sept 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday) just ahead of the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church, **His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo** has accepted our invitation to preside the 7pm mass together with our Pastor

Fr. Freddie Claudio & Fr. Nabine. This milestone represents years of faith, community, and devotion, and we want to celebrate it together. Join us as we come together in prayer, gratitude, and fellowship. Let us honor the legacy of our church and look forward to many more years of spiritual growth.

Following the Mass, we warmly invite all attendees to partake in a light refreshment. Come and enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and the company of fellow parishioners.



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: **June 4** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall.



The Special Devotion Candle  
Thanksgiving – John Dawson  
“Give thanks for a little, and you will find a lot....”  
as requested by: Claudette Wilson  
May 28 – June 4

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.



**Today is ShareLife Sunday - How Can We Support ShareLife?** Parishioners can

contribute during ShareLife Sunday collections (June 2). Additionally, you can donate online at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate), or explore options like gifts of securities. Becoming a monthly donor through the website is another way to make a difference.

Special Collection Report

Needs of the Church in Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$2457.85
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$781.20

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI), YEAR B, 2ND JUNE 2024

May 24, 2024

**‘Take it’, Jesus said, ‘this is my blood, which is to be poured out for many.’**

The feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of the new covenant of Christ with his people: the covenant of his blood, where he offered himself as a perfect sign of his love for us.

The **First Reading** is a description of the ritual that sealed God’s covenant with his people. In ancient times, blood was a symbol of life, and its sprinkling signifies the Israelites’ desire to participate in a relationship with God, to share his life and to become his people. Centuries later, the symbolism of this act was brought to an entirely different level by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

This relationship is taken up in the **Psalm**, where the covenanted people express their thanksgiving for all that God has done for them, and their readiness to fulfil their responsibilities to him.

The **Gospel** narrative of the Last Supper tells of the new covenant, so much more wonderful and powerful than the old. Jesus’s action at the Passover table is a ritual that anticipates his brutal, yet life-giving, death. Christ’s deep compassion for humankind inaugurates this new covenant, a new relationship of love between God and his people.

The **Second Reading** reminds us that the blood of the new covenant is from God’s own Son, so we can literally share in Christ’s life, becoming the ‘blood sisters and brothers’ of Jesus, and children of the one Father. This week, we might pray with the author of this letter for help to *purify our inner selves from dead actions, so that we do our service to the living God.*



**A big thank you to Joseph Oligo and Boyet dela Masa** – on behalf of the church community, we would like to express our gratitude for your tireless efforts in staining the doors **inside x 6, confessional x 3, sacristy x 2.**

Your dedication and hard work (coming to the church straight from your night shift work) have transformed those doors beautifully which will enhance the church’s ambiance and inspire all who enter. Your labor of love has left an indelible mark on our church, and we are truly blessed to have you as part of our community. Thank you for sharing your talents and enriching our spiritual home.

We’re delighted to share some exciting news with you! Our church renovation is nearly complete, and we anticipate being able to hold regular services in the church within the next 2 weeks. We’re also preparing to paint the basement. This will further enhance the beauty and functionality of our beloved church. Your generous donations have played a crucial role in funding these improvements, and we appreciate your commitment to preserving our sacred space.

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