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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

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

**Principal:** Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
SEPT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
2 9am	NO MASS	
3 Tues, 9am	In Honour of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora	Lella
4 Wed, 9am	Paul Magee +	Gene & Vivian Beltjar
5 Thurs; 9am 6pm 7pm	In Honor of Our Lady of the Oak of Visora Holy Hour Mass	Lella
6 (1 <sup>st</sup> Fri) 7pm	Consolacion Muya + Thanksgiving St Anthony  Thanksgiving – MME Thanksgiving – Dan & Chat Bravo Thanksgiving – Jose & Josephine Herrera Romeo & Violy Soriano Rufina Baquial +	Ana Muya & Family Incoronata Ambrosini MME Bravo Family  Herrera Family  Soriano Family Legion of Mary
7 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Rufina Baquial +	..... Monica Sigue
5pm	Domingo Ramos +	Myrna Ramos
8 9am	Desmond Leahy +	Leahy Family
11 am	Thanksgiving – Noella & Chris Milne	D'Souza Family

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23 – The Tradition of the Elders

**The Law of Love**

The Pharisees were devout Jewish men. They diligently followed the laws of Moses and the traditions of the elders which were passed on to them, and yet in the Gospel we see them being rebuked for being the hypocrites that Isiah prophesized about. Although the Pharisees followed the law, Jesus sees their heart and saw that their actions did not come from a place of loving God and his law, but of pride and self-reliance. He tells the crowd “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defile.”


In our desire for holiness, it can be easy to be caught up with the externals. As we participate more fully in the work of stewardship, it can be a temptation to share our time and talent because of the praise that we receive from the parishioners or pastor and feel dejected when that praise does not come. Yet as Jesus reminds us in the gospel, our actions alone aren't what makes us holy, but it is what comes from within.

As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we can allow it to take root in our hearts and transform us, producing within us fruits which we can share with those around us. Let us remember the words of St. Paul in the second reading, that every perfect gift comes from God. The gifts that we have come from the Lord, and we should share them out of gratitude for Him. Let us take time this week to evaluate the work that we do towards building up the kingdom of God, and ensure that all that we do is a labour of love, responding to the generous gifts God has given us and not out of selfish desires to be noticed.

**Summary**


To follow the law means nothing if not done out of love, for as Jesus says in the Gospel, the things that come out from within are what defile the person. It can be easy for us in the work of stewardship to no longer share our time and talent out of love, but selfish motives as the Pharisees were doing in the Gospel. Let us always keep in mind that the gifts that we have are from the Lord and that we share them out of gratitude for God who blesses us.

<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.*

## 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, Deacon Albert & Ramon. 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 join the potluck. Come and enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and the company of fellow parishioners.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration & Mass schedule only for Sept

Sept 5 Thursday	6pm Holy Hour	7pm Mass
Confessions from 6:10 to 6:40pm.		
Sept 6 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	9am Mass 7pm Mass with His Grace Archbishop Leo, Fr. Freddy, Fr. Nabine, Deacon Albert Dacanay and Deacon Ramon Villardo.	

Starting Oct 4 and every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, we welcome our devotees to come and spend time with the Risen Lord.

Oct 4 Friday	6pm Holy Hour	7pm Mass
A priest is available during the holy hour to hear confessions from 6:10 to 6:40pm		



### KNOW YOUR FAITH:

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be continuing our study of **THE BOOK OF REVELATION – Part II.**

Come and join us as we continue to learn about the deeper reality that underlines this intriguing and inspiring Book.

We will be meeting **Tuesday evenings** in the hall from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** All are welcome!



### St. Vincent de Paul - Fall Bundle Up Weekend – September 7/8

On the weekend of Sept 7/8. St.

Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, bedding (any condition), drapery, towels, toys (new only). **We DON'T accept:** Baby items, construction materials, furniture, books, dishes.

A member of the society will be at the truck and ready to assist you between 9 am to 6 pm for both Saturday and Sunday.



As we are approaching our 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are thrilled to invite you to a special event! Join us for a dinner & dance party, organized

and hosted by our choir. This celebration promises an evening of joy, camaraderie, and support for a worthy cause.

**Event Details: Sept 14 Saturday @ 6pm to 11pm**

**Ticket: \$50.00/person**

**Location: Church Hall**

**Purpose: All proceeds will be added to the renovation project.**

**Theme: Traditional dresses / National costumes (to honor our diverse background)**

Let's come together to commemorate 96 years of community as we are approaching our 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are thrilled to invite you to a special event! Join us for a dinner & dance party, organized and hosted by our choir.



Join us for the **Family Day BBQ on September 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm!** Enjoy burgers, hotdogs, pop, juices, and water at reasonable prices. Kids will love the bouncy castle! Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day and great company. Don't miss out on the fun! See you there!



Our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the fundraising events. Your presence and support made a significant impact, and we are thrilled to share the wonderful news with you. Thanks to your generosity, we **successfully raised ....**

July 21 & 22 Yard Sale – Net profit \$1435. All proceeds added to the Restoration Fund.

Aug 18 Food Festival – Net Profit \$945.70. Purchased brand new LG refrigerator (\$910.76) .

Likewise, big thank you to the **BURMESE COMMUNITY** for their **generous donation of \$500.** It allows us to purchase a much-needed dishwasher (\$559.35) for our kitchen. To the **Ducusin Family**, thank you for paying the installation fee.

Your continuous support means the world to us, and we are truly grateful for your commitment. Together, we are making a positive difference, one meal at a time. We look forward to more exciting events in the future!



### The Special Devotion Candle

In loving Memory of Anthony Richard Godfrey  
"Gone but not forgotten, gone but ever here. No longer living in this world, but always and ever near."

Requested by: Godfrey Family

Aug 27 to Sep 3

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.

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