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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.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
SEPT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
9 9am	NO MASS	
10 Tues, 9am	Rufina Baquial +	Remy & Lydia
11 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving Mass is being offered for all intentions of Holy Cross Parish community, living, sick & deceased.	Holy Cross Parish
12 Thurs, 9am	Romeo & Violy Soriano	Soriano Family
13 Fri, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Jenny Manuel	Elena Manuel & Family
14 Sat 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	Floro & Dionisia Claudio +	Claudio Family
15 9am	Thanksgiving – Emeline dela Masa	Elena & Vinda
11 am	Victor Lobo +	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 7.31-37 – Jesus cures a deaf man

Ephphata!

In the Gospel today, Jesus encounters a deaf man who is brought to Jesus to be healed of his impairment. The deaf man didn't come on his own initiative, but rather was brought by the people who begged Jesus to lay his hands on this man and heal him. This selfless action of the people, who didn't seek healing for themselves or for some favour to be granted to them, but instead sought the healing of the deaf man is a beautiful example of the power of intercessory prayer. The deaf man was healed not because of his faith or desire, but of the faith and desire of those who brought him to Jesus.

As the prophet Isiah declared in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense, he comes to save you." Christ came to bring healing, comfort, and forgiveness. Jesus desires to speak those healing words we hear in today's Gospel to everyone, 'Be opened!', yet many people, including ourselves, are not able to hear it because of our spiritual deafness. We may not even realize that we need the healing, after being so caught up in our own spiritual deafness. When people are unable to come to Jesus because they feel unworthy, or maybe don't know that Jesus loves them, our intercessory prayer becomes crucial as we bring before the Lord the people who need Jesus' healing touch and love.

Summary

The healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel was a result of the people bringing the deaf man to Jesus, a beautiful example of the power and necessity of intercessory prayer. Christ came to bring healing, but many times people we know, or even ourselves don't go to Christ because we feel unworthy and stop ourselves from going to Him. Through our prayers, we do what the people in the Gospel did, bringing to Jesus those who need healing and allowing Christ to heal them through us.

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



Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the potluck with His Grace Archbishop Leo. Your contributions made the event truly special, and we couldn't have achieved such togetherness without each one of you. The delicious food you prepared added so much joy to the occasion. From savory dishes to delightful desserts, every bite was appreciated, we're grateful for your efforts. Thank you once again for making the potluck memorable. Let's look forward to more wonderful gatherings in the future! Photos will be posted in our website holycrossto.archtoronto.org & FB page <https://www.facebook.com/291CosburnAvenue>

Schedule for next week 96th Church Anniversary

Sept 14 Saturday	9am Mass
	9:45am Baptism (Emma Sofia Dejoras)
	1pm Wedding Francois Zucco & Sherryn Vykunthanathan
	5pm Mass
	6pm Dinner and Dance
Sept 15 Sunday	9am Mass
	BBQ Sunday – immediately after the 9am mass until 1pm
	11am Mass



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)



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 gratitude to **MME (Movement for Marriage Enrichment)** for their generous gift-in-kind contribution. **Your donation of vinyl planks** has significantly enhanced our church hall, bringing vibrancy and warmth to the space. We truly appreciate your support and dedication to our ministry. The installation of these vinyl planks will have a lasting impact, allowing our community to enjoy this beautiful addition for years to come. Your kindness and commitment to our mission are invaluable. Thank you for your generosity and for being an essential part of our church family. We look forward to continuing our partnership in serving our community.

Financial Report: Total Fund Raised: \$296443.78

Expenses details	Amount
Campaign printing materials	152.00
PIEx Co – commercial grade carpet - church	29378.68
A Class Painting – Church painting	36894.50
Arci Electronic – 7 wall mounted power outlets for fans (hall)	3932.40
DiCarlo Religious Supplies – Holy Cross Tabernacle	21398.62
Ferno Homes – Church side door and hardware's, Holy Cross Relic glass casing & tabernacle countertop	29068.12
Alton – Storm windows	10712.4
Alpine Roofing- Flat roofs repair	4520
DiCarlo Religious Supplies- Hanging Sanctuary Lamps (x2)	4215.6
Ferno Doors- Middle main door and curved countertop and installation	23441.85
Networx Audio – Sound system upgrade	35580.64
Networx Audio – Choir mics	810.97
PIEx Co- add charges (leveling flr prior to carpet install, moving pews & mic outlet, repair of broken benches/kneelers/brackets)	1406.26
A Class Painting – church hall/kitchen painting	15311.50
Antonio Caruso – Artwork restoration of Stations of the Cross	7500
Arci Electronic – 11 wall mounted power outlets for fans (church)	8401.55
A Class Painting – add work for ext casing of the side door (materials and labor)	280
Uline – Plastic stackable chairs x 152; stackable chair dollies x 10; plastic folding table 72x30" x 6	16416.19
Reimbursement to Fr. Fred	17920.96
Minor church and hall repairs (varnished & paints of inside doors of the church and cabinets, pews & mosaics polished, wall cloak, 8 mounted fans – hall, industrial kitchen exhaust fan, 10 gal stainless steel dry & wet vacuum, cordless drill w/ battery charger, repair & upholstery of altar chairs, labor fee for Tim Oligo & Rufino dela Masa, meals for the volunteers, key duplicates, Esso for commodity charges, kitchen fridge, stage curtain materials and labor	
Total expenses	267342.20
Remaining funds \$296443.78 - \$267342.20	29101.58



The Special Devotion Candle
 Thanksgiving to the Holy Family.
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 Requested By: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family
 Sept 3 to 10

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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