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Tuesday to Friday
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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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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
SEPT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
23 Mon	NO MASS	
24 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Leilani Anne Ducusin Steinfeld	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
25 Wed, 9am	Maria De Manche +	Carmel & Patrick Galvin
26 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – St Anthony	Incoronata Ambrosini
27 Fri, 9am	Patricia Le Blancq	Therese De Manche
28 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Mr & Mrs Dan Casey & Family Monica Sigue
5pm	Marcela G. Cruz +	Jasmin Buccat
29 9am	Michael Angelo Cervantes +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Maria lamundo +	Iamundo Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gospel: Mark 9.30-37 – Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Celebrating the Stewardship of Others

In today's readings we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We are not the owners of our gifts but are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase.


St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church. One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church.

Relatedly, in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves. We should ask ourselves, am I assisting at the parish to serve my own ego or to serve my neighbour? Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters.

Summary


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<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.*

Thank You for a Memorable 96th Anniversary Celebration!



We are thrilled to share that our 96th anniversary events, including the dinner and dance, as well as the Sunday BBQ, were a great success. **A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us** – your presence made the celebration truly special. To

the organizers and volunteers, **we extend our deepest gratitude.** Your hard work and dedication ensured that everything unfolded smoothly and efficiently.

We look forward to creating more wonderful memories together next year!



2nd Collection

Collection for the **Needs of the Church in Canada:** Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country
The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend, Sept. 28 and 29. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in

their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment

Sacramental Preparation

Our sacramental program will begin next year. Families with children in grade 2 and grade 7 or above who are interested in preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist / Confirmation are invited to visit our website (holycrossto.archtoronto.org) for more detailed information, including schedules and specific requirements, which will be available shortly.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.



The Special Devotion Candle is offered in Loving Memory of Dionisia Claudio as requested by Milagros Benedicto.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Sept 17 to 24

Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp near the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.



Are you new in the Parish?

If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer or on our website and place it in the offertory basket.

Kindly provide complete information and the Parish office will then contact you.

Volunteering in our Faith Community



As the summer draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the gifts we've been blessed with and how we can share them with others. Our parish is more than just a place of worship—it's a vibrant community where each member has a unique role to play. Whether you're

looking to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, or give back to others, we invite you to consider volunteering for one of our many church ministries or joining one of our church organizations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Liturgical Ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans Music Ministry: Choir Members, Musicians Youth Ministry: Mentors, Catechists for Kids' Liturgy / Confirmation Outreach: RCIA Sponsors, Food Drives, Visiting the Sick Fellowship: Parish Socials and Fund-raisers Upkeep: Volunteers for cleaning, decorating, maintenance, and minor repairs when required

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN:

- Catholic Women's League -C.W.L.
- Movement for Marriage Enrichment - M.M.E
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul – S.S.V.P.
- Legion of Mary – L.O.M.

No matter your age, skills, or availability, there's a place for you to contribute and grow in faith. Volunteering not only enriches our parish life but also brings fulfillment and a sense of purpose to those who serve. Let's come together as a community and make this new season one of service, connection.



Save the date: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will sponsor a special Mass on September 27, 2024 at 7 pm to celebrate the feast of our patron saint St. Vincent de Paul. Pizza/Pastry and Soup night will be served after the Mass (cost for 3 dollars).



Ways to Support Your Parish

Online through the " Support Your Parish "initiative through the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The link can be found on our Home Page.

Online through our existing PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program. Contact the office for more information.

By placing a cheque or cash in your traditional offertory envelopes and mailing to the parish office: Holy Cross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.

No matter how you choose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever.

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