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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
7 Mon	NO MASS	
8 Tues, 9am	Mark Magno +	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
9 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Beth Escabarte	Fe & Vinda Olase
10 Thurs, 9am	Mark Magno +	Monica Sigue
11 Fri, 9am	Mark Magno +	Elena & Vinda
12 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Melanio & Francisca Macarayan +	..... Teresita Macarayan
5pm	Thanksgiving – Elizabeth Gordevilla	Sheila Palanca
13 9am	Michael Angelo Cervantes +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Magdalena Cruz +	Len & Myrna Tapawan

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Gospel: Mark 10.2-16 – Teaching about Divorce & the  
 Little Children

### The Origins of Stewardship

In the first reading this Sunday we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives, we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live. It says in Genesis that, “the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it,” It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible.


To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

### 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.*



We are thrilled to announce that our Dinner and Dance Fundraising Campaign for the Restoration Project has been a tremendous

success! Thanks to your generous support, we have raised a total of **\$6,457.35.**

**Detailed Report**

Total tickets sold 173 x \$50	\$8,650.00
Additional Fundraised	
50/50 draw	\$318.30
Silent Auction	\$145.00
Donations: Beth Alayay	\$100.00
Ador & Sally Campos	\$100.00
Total:	\$9313.30
Total Expenses:	\$2,855.95
Total Fundraised	\$9313.30-\$2855.95= \$6457.35



Once again, we extend our deepest appreciation to the organizers, to all the volunteers and to everyone who purchased tickets, even if you were

unable to attend. Your support means the world to us. To those who attended, thank you for making the party a resounding success. Photos are posted on our website ([holycrossto.archtoronto.org](http://holycrossto.archtoronto.org)) and Facebook page. Cheers to the wonderful memories we created.



**Anonymous Donor**  
**\$29,494.73**

Your donation will significantly aid our church restoration project, allowing us to enhance our place of worship for future generations.



**Children's Liturgy Word of the Lord**  
Kids are invited to hear and experience God's Word at their level through stories, prayer, art and music. It's a quiet and fun way to involve your kids in worship and teach them the bible.



The Special Devotion Candle is offered in Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo as requested by Vincenza Ruscillo & Family.  
*"Of a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved!"*  
Oct 1 to 8

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.

**Upcoming Schedules**

<b>Holy Cross School Mass</b> Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 10:30am
<b>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> , Rosary Rally after the 9am mass outside the church.
<b>Thanksgiving Day Mass and Office Schedule</b> There will be a Mass on Monday, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> at 9am to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The church will be closed soon after the Mass in observance of the holiday. The office will also be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection World Mission Sunday Special Collection, Oct. 20</b> There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work
<b>Parish Headcount October 19/20 and October 26/27</b> It is time again for the annual Mass attendance survey for all parish and mission communities, on the weekends of Oct. 19/20 and Oct. 26/27.
 <b>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</b>
<b>2024 SSVP Thanksgiving Food Drive – October 2024</b>  The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of the following: <b>(1) Canned Tuna (2) Canned Vegetables and Fruits (3) Canned soups (4) Spaghetti pasta and Sauce(5) Breakfast cereals and pancake mixes. Thank you.</b>

**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.

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