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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
14 Mon, 9am	Melanio & Francesca Macarayan +	Macarayan Family
15 Tues, 9am	Anselma Tutor +	Macarayan Family
16 Wed, 9am	Donald Boudreau +	Karin Doumouras
17 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Maria YS Paik	Helena Lee
18 Fri, 9am	Angela Hawaleshka +	Therese De Manche
19 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Guiseppe Cornacchia + Thanksgiving – Edwin & Winnie Villamayor & Family Virginia C. Alog + Giovanna Cornacchia Monica Sigue Alog FAmily
5pm	Sandra & George Purcell +	Marg Moreau
20 9am	All deceased members of the Boudreau Family	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Ronald Skura +	Skura Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Thanksgiving Weekend
Gospel: Mark 10.17-30 – The Rich Man

Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude

This Thanksgiving weekend provides us the perfect opportunity to reflect on our lives and our commitment to stewardship. Let us consider the following passage from Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*. "Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called 'the attitude of gratitude.' We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God ... If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously."


Before we can generously share our time and talents with the parish community we must first realize that they are gifts from God. There are many fruitful practices we can adopt to help us cultivate this deeper sense of gratitude. Firstly, we must always remember that life itself is a beautiful gift. We can try to begin each day while we still lie in bed to simply say "thank you Lord for blessing me with another day." We will then be able to have a greater appreciation for our time on earth and work towards making better use of our lives.

Additionally, this weekend when we have our family Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps we can go around the table and have each person say what they are thankful for this past year. Let us challenge ourselves to go deep and truly examine all of the blessings God has bestowed on our lives that we so often take for granted. Let us grow in our stewardship this weekend as we foster an "attitude of gratitude."

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.*



Last year, October 14, 2023, we officially began our Restoration project campaign. We are very glad to inform you that our target budget of \$300,000. which we forecasted to be raised within 3 years, has been surpassed. As of today, we have raised \$332182.86. This achievement is living proof that when our community gathers and acts as one, anything is possible with God's help.

This incredible achievement is thanks to your generosity and unwavering support. Detailed breakdown of the funds raised, and scope of restoration as follows....

Detailed Report

Family of Faith: Oct 13/23 Apr 22/24	\$39997.69 \$40370.81
Anonymous Donors: Dec 12/23 Mar 6/24 Sep 19/24	\$78032.77 \$91651.63 \$29494.73
Casino Trip (Nov 11/23)	\$1364.00
Bazaar Sale (Dec 1 & 2/23)	\$3551.55
50/50 Draw (Dec 12/23)	\$540.00
X'mas Donations (Dec 28/23)	\$563.75
Yard Sale (July 21 & 22/24)	\$1435.00
Food Festival (Aug 18/24)	\$945.70
Dinner and Dance (Sep 14/24)	\$6457.35
Sunday Collection (Oct 2023-Sep 2024)	\$37790.90
Total Fundraised	\$332182.86

Scope of Restoration

Structural Repairs: Flatroof repairs
Interior renovation: Repainting of the interior of the church and ; Re-carpeting with commercial grade carpet. Install new church doors & storm windows, upgrade the sound system, electrical upgrade and installed 19 wall mounted power outlets and fans. New exhaust fan in the kitchen. New chairs in the hall x 152 pcs. Varnishing & painting of all inside doors and cabinets, polished pews. Restoration of Stations of the Cross artwork. Repositioning of the Tabernacle from the north side of the church to the centre of the sanctuary; cleaning of Mosaic Walls. New Holy Cross Tabernacle and 2 Sanctuary Lamps. Re-upholstered clergy chairs.
Miscellaneous Expenses: Minor repairs



The Special Devotion Candle is offered
All Souls in Purgatory
as requested by Inconronata Ambrosini
"The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit."
Oct 8 to 15



Together, we have not only met but surpassed our goals, ensuring that our beloved church remains a beacon of hope and a place of worship for all. May this Thanksgiving be filled with joy, blessings, and warmth to our community.



Thank you Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio, our Finance Council (from left) Reynaldo Flores, Raymond Lui, Bonita Cruzada and Francis Robbins, for your invaluable contributions to brainstorming and planning phases of our restoration project. Your financial planning and strategic thinking provided us with solid foundation to move forward confidently. The time, effort, support, collaboration and dedication brought this restoration project to fruition. We have accomplished so much together, and yet, there is still ample room for growth. We are filled with optimism and excitement as we look forward to many more projects in preparation for our parish's 100th anniversary, may God be with us in continuing our work as we strive to achieve even greater milestone.



As we take time to give thanks for the many blessings in life, we want to let you know how grateful we are (Holy Cross Community) for your generosity. **BIG THANK YOU!** Words are not enough to express our deepest gratitude for all the funds raised over the past year. We are blessed to have supporters like you who believe in our mission and vision. Our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm wishes. May this Thanksgiving give us more reasons to thank God each day

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