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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>		
Oct	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
21 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
22 Tues, 9am	Alfred De Manche +	Therese De Manche
23 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Filmer HJ Chung	Helena Lee
24 Thurs, 9am	Michelina Ruscillo +	Vincenza Ruscillo & Family
25 Fri, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Daria Marquez	Daria Marquez
26 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Doug Flach + Bob & Mary McIntee + Ma. Ruvitte C. Montille +	..... Sandy Hall Sandy Hall Galla Montille
5pm	Thanksgiving – Marian Malik	Elena Manuel & Family
27 9am	Thanksgiving – Joanne Alaimo	Allan & Lydia Jaikaransingh
11 am	Brittany Maya Decoste Sanchez+	Rocio Sanchez

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Mark 10.35-45 – The Request of James and John

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As Christians, we are always called to seek ways of imitating Christ. The Catechism says that “in all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model. He is “the perfect man”, who invites us to become his disciples and follow him.” Jesus was also the perfect steward so we can constantly look to Him for guidance in our own commitment to stewardship.

However, many people may have reservations in trying to imitate Christ because it seems like an unattainable ideal. We may feel that Jesus, being God, doesn’t know what it’s like to struggle here on earth. However, this does not mean he didn’t have to fight the same fight that we do in our path towards virtue. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews says “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.”


St. Paul beautifully shows us that Christ fully understands what our struggles and difficulties are. Although He never succumbed to temptations, He too would have faced the desire to despair or give up on His call to love and sacrifice for us. Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth. Stewardship is not an impossible ideal, we just need the strength and guidance of God.

**Summary**

As Christians who are called to imitate Christ, we may sometimes feel that Jesus, being God, doesn’t know what it’s like to struggle here on earth. However, St. Paul says “we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.” Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth.


<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

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*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.*

**MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY**

Please note that we will be taking a headcount this weekend, **Oct. 19/20 and 26/27**. This is to provide the Archdiocese of Toronto with an accurate profile of Mass attendance. Thank you for your participation!



**World Mission Sunday Special Collection, October 20.** 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.

	Nov 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday) HC School	9am Mass 10:30am 6pm – Holy Hour 7pm Mass
	Nov 2 Saturday	9am Mass 5pm Mass

**ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE**  
**The Book of Remembrance for the Deceased will be on display.**

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the “**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**” available at the church entrances. In memory of our faithful departed, we will offer prayers for the eternal repose of their souls for the whole month of November.

You can put your donations inside the envelope and drop in the donation box placed near the Altar.

The Special Devotion Candle is offered In Loving Memory of Guisepppe & Mario as requested by: Inconronata Ambrosini  
 “We will always cherish the wonderful memories we shared.”  
 Oct 15 to 22

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle. To book a candle, please call or email the office. Monthly offerings will be posted on our web and Facebook page



**2024 Altar Server Awards Ceremony Oct 26 Saturday @ 10am at St. Paul’s Basilica – 83 Power St. Toronto, ON M5A 3A8**

We wish to recognize the service and achievements of our 5 Altar Server Award recipients for this year – **Benedette Labang, Nathaniel D. Legere, and Rosa Suting**. Thank you for serving at the Lord’s Altar. May you be blessed by your service to God and the church as you assist at Mass and help the priest with other duties. Congratulations!

Special thanks and appreciation to all our Altar Servers’ and their coordinator **Shauna D’Souza** for their dedication, commitment, and service. To the **Parents**, we are grateful to you for your support and encouragement for our young children to grow in their faith journey.

**Month of the Holy Rosary**  
**Excerpt message from His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo**

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we live indeed in times that are in desperate need of healing and peace, of truth and of witness, of holiness and of justice. Relying on the Lord’s providence and love, I earnestly encourage you to please consider praying the Rosary this month, every day, either alone or with your family, school or community, for those most in need of the Blessed Mother’s protection and care; those who are most vulnerable and in danger; those suffering and in despair; for peace in our world and for our families; for a renewal of our commitment to the Church’s missionary vocation and for our ongoing personal conversion. It is my sincerest prayer/hope that, as faithful of the Church of God in Toronto, celebrating the Month of the Rosary and of the Missions with great generosity and devotion, the Lord will be truly pleased and glorified and, through Our Lady’s intercession, bestow grace in abundance upon us. Our Lady of the Rosary, Mother of the Missions, pray for us.

Oct 5 – Robyn Juliana Angeles Paz  
 Oct 12 – Kristoff Carlson Malinay  
 Oct 19 – Sloane Elizabeth Wong  
 Oct 26 – Owen Rideout Luison  
 Oct 26 – Zayn Lucien Pacubas Allado

Congratulations on your baptism! This is such a wonderful milestone in your spiritual journey. Wishing you blessings and joy on this special day and always.

**CWL** is collecting **new** and **slightly** used articles for our **November 9 Bazaar**. Please leave items in the church foyer or see Claudette for more info or call 416-467-0720.

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