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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

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Nov	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
11 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
12 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Arthur & Siony Libatique	Fe & Vinda Olase
13 Wed, 9am	Lyne Baril +	Mathias & Lam Families
14 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang	Therese De Manche
15 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Erwin, Maireez & Enzo Centeno	Monica Sigue
16 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Donald Boudreau + Rechie Bercasio +	..... Karin Doumouras Rico Beltran & Family
5pm	Jose Buccat +	Jasmin & Kristina Buccat
17 9am	Gerry Boudreau & Aris Doumouras +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Rufina Baquial +	St. Cecilia Choir

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Mark 12.38-44 – The Widow's Offering

**Offering our All**

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the account of the poor widow's treasury offering. Jesus observes many wealthy people put in large sums of money, yet He only praises the lowly widow for her contribution of two small copper coins. He exclaims, "truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had." (Mark 12:43).


We can learn a great lesson in stewardship through the example of this widow who symbolically offered her entire life through her small monetary offering. We too are called to give our entire lives to God. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

Additionally, by giving everything she had, the widow is inherently saying "God I trust that you will take care of me." As stewards, do our sacrifices show that we trust God? To trust God means knowing that even though our time spent in the parish might mean we have less time for work or other commitments, that God will still bless us abundantly. Let us strive to give all we can and trust that God will take care of all our needs, for St. Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**Summary**


We can learn a great lesson in stewardship from the widow who put in all she had, two small copper coins, into the treasury. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

<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.*



*Remembrance Day  
Lest We Forget*

On November 11. We gather to honor the brave men and women who have served our country with courage and dedication. Their sacrifices have secured the freedoms we enjoy today. Let us remember their valour and commitment and strive to live in a way that honours their legacy. We will never forget.

Summary of Sunday collections from Sept to Oct 2024

Sunday Collections (offertory, building funds, Restoration, Easter flower/donations and others, <u>excluding ShareLife</u> )				
Date	Sunday Offerings	Building Funds	Restoration + Loose Collection	Others
Sep 4	\$2590.	\$1038.8	\$372.50	Mission Co-Op 555.00
Sep 11	\$2296	\$1150.	\$301.55\$	-----
Sep 18	\$1895.	\$60.	\$75.	-----
Sep 25	\$1550.	-----	\$192.95	-----
Oct 2	\$2947.	\$35.	\$251.75	Needs of Canadian Church \$1313.50
Oct 9	\$2200.60	\$777.	\$500.	Indigenous Healing & Recon \$1389.25
Oct 17	\$2705.30	\$165	-----	Indigenous \$45.00
Oct 23	\$2209.8	\$75.	-----	World Mission \$1376.60
Oct 30	2663.55	-----	-----	----
PAG	Sep	\$1848.08	Oct	\$1848.08



We are truly blessed to have you as a part of our parish family. Your dedication and kindness are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for the positive difference you make in our community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may you continue to find joy and fulfillment in your faith journey with us.



We wish to recognize the service and achievements of our 3 Altar Server Award recipients for this year – **Benedette Labang, Nathaniel D. Legere, and Rosa Suting.** Thank you for serving at the Lord’s Altar. Unfortunately, Benedette and Rosa were not present during the awarding ceremony. Fr. Fred will give it to them at a later date.

**Excerpt message of His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto All Souls Day – 2 November 2024** Praying for the Souls of the Faithful Departed Often, I am asked: What can we do to help those brothers and sisters “who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy” (The Roman Missal, EP II 2011). Allow me to suggest the following, stemming from the rich Tradition of Holy Mother Church: (i) have holy Mass offered for them; (ii) visit a cemetery and pray for all the Poor Souls; (iii) offer up a rosary for the most forgotten Souls in Purgatory; (iv) obtain an indulgence applicable to the faithfully departed.

With Advent and Christmas season approaching, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting names of individuals and families needing help this Christmas. Please call 416-421-5225 (ext.3) leave your name & phone number. An SSVP volunteer will be in touch. Cut-off date for this event is Nov. 23, 2024.

**Special Devotion Candles -Nov 5 to 12**

In Loving Memory of Lyne Baril  
Requested by: Louis Mathias  
“Gone but not forgotten, forever remembered in our memories.”

In Loving Memory of Resurreccion A. Dizon  
Requested by: Alog Family  
“Whose presence touched our lives in the most profound ways.”

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.

**2025 Mass Intention Book** is now open. You are welcome to book your 2025 Mass intentions at your earliest convenience. To book the date/s, you can email us at [holycrosssto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrosssto@archtoronto.org) or fill up the Mass Request Form and drop in the offertory boxes or in the office mail slot with your donation in a sealed envelope. Forms are available at the church entrance.

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