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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

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**Principal:** Kimberly Blanchet

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Nov	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
18 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
19 Tues, 9am	Marie Anderson +	CWL
20 Wed, 9am	Barbara Keane +	Peggy Leahy
21 Thurs, 9am	Esperanza Prudenciano +	CWL
22 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Cecelia Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
23 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Remy Simbulan Maria & Emmanuel Lopez Sr. +	..... Remy Simbulan  Jennifer Trelle
5pm	Priscilla Ferrer +	Rico & Yvette Beltran
24 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving Manan Bhatia	Karin Doumouras
11 am	All Deceased members of Waldron Family	Claudette Wilson

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor  
 Gospel: Mark 13.24-32 – The Coming of the Son of Man  
 & the Fig Tree

**Contemplating the End**

Today's readings point our attention to the second coming of Christ and our final judgement. "Heaven and earth will pass away" and though no one knows when that day will come, we are all aware that it will indeed come. Each of us will stand before the judgement throne of God. Let us ask ourselves, will He be pleased with us and with the way in which we used the gifts He granted us?

Today's apocalyptic message gives us a great opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our lives. We were not created to live solely for our time on earth. Rather, we were made for something greater. We were made for Heaven. The way in which we live our lives should reflect our eternal destination and not focus merely on this short earthly stopover.

One beautiful way of life we can choose to adopt here on earth that will greatly prepare us for our heavenly home is that of stewardship. If we live our lives worthy of the call that Christ has given us, by being united to Him in prayer, being strengthened by the sacraments, and striving to offer our gifts to others, we need not fear judgment. We should instead rely solely on the mercy of God and do our part of being faithful stewards that are sustained by His grace. Let us decide today to recommit all the more fervently to our call of stewardship.

**Summary**

Today's apocalyptic readings give us a great opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our lives and on our own eventual day of judgement. One beautiful way of life we can choose to adopt here on earth that will greatly prepare us for our heavenly home is that of stewardship. If we live our lives worthy of the call that Christ has given us, by being united to Him in prayer, being strengthened by the sacraments, and striving to offer our gifts to others, we need not fear judgment.

<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.*



**Book of Remembrance**

For the month of November, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, whom you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are also available where you may include the names of deceased loved ones along with an offertory donation



**The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, Nov. 17, 2024**

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds, so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired

clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden year. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org)

**Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024–Jan. 13, 2025) Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)**

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information



would like to thank you for its Annual Bazaar success!

This achievement would not have been possible without the generous donations and enthusiastic participation from our wonderful community. Your support has once again demonstrated the strength and unity of our community. We are deeply grateful for your contributions and involvement which have made this event truly special. Thank you for being a part of our success. We look forward to your continued support in our future endeavors.

**Special Devotion Candles – Nov 12 to 19**



Thanksgiving – Cecelia Celestine  
Requested by: Cecelia Celestine  
"Thank you for the abundant grace and mercy we have experienced.."



In Loving Memory of Virginia C. Alog  
Requested by: Alog Family  
"Though no longer with us, your spirit and love remain forever in our hearts."

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.



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

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 SSVF volunteer will be in touch. Cut-off date for this event is Nov. 23, 2024.



**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

2025 Offertory envelopes will soon be available to pick up at the back of the church. **Important Notice: We reassigned some individual envelope numbers and**

**assigned envelope numbers to new members.** In order to record the offerings efficiently and appropriately, we hereby appeal to our parishioners, before dropping your envelope/s in the offertory box, please do not forget to indicate your name & the amount for our proper accounting. Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

**Tax Receipt** – to receive your tax receipt for 2024, donations must be received by Dec 31, 2024. Donations received after Jan 1, 2025, will go towards 2025 taxes.



**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 [holycross@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycross@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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