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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.

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**Principal:** Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Nov/Dec	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
25 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
26 Tues, 9am	Aileen V. Menez +	Ninfa Gasis
27 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Ligaya Manuel	Elena Manuel & Family
28 Thurs, 9am	Maria, Conchita & Rocco Lamanna +	Giovanni Cornacchia
29 Fri, 9am	Maria De Manche +	Therese De Manche
30 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Theresa SJ Chang +	..... Helena Lee
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Ligaya Manuel	Fe & Vinda Olase
Dec 1 9am	Thanksgiving – Gene & Vivian Beltjar	Gene & Vivian Beltjar
11 am	Giuseppe Cornacchia +	Giovanna Cornacchia

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Christ the King  
 Gospel: John 18.33b-37 – *Jesus before Pilate*

*Enthroning the King*

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus always remains the King of the Universe, but does He also remain the king of our lives? Let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship.

Kings often receive the finest of things in order to showcase their importance. If we want to make Jesus our King, He too deserves our very best. We can do this by striving to offer Christ the “first fruits” of our time in prayer. When we set aside a portion of everyday for prayer, we are expressing the importance of God in our lives. We become loving and faithful servants who simply long to be in the presence of their master. Let us not try to fit in our prayer after all our other commitments are taken care of, but rather, let us schedule the rest of our day around our times of prayer so as to give our King the very best we can.

Once we enthrone Jesus as King of our lives, we can then begin to serve Him as one would an earthly king. But what kind of service does our Divine King desire? The Lord desires the service of charity and sacrifice. St, Rose of Lima says, “When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus.” As stewards, let us strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

*Summary*

On this solemnity of Christ the King let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship. Firstly, we can let God rule in our lives by giving Him the “first fruits” of our time in prayer. We should then strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

<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.*

## NOVEMBER 24, 2024

### December schedule

Dec 5 Thursday	Holy Cross School Family Advent Mass 6:30 to 7pm Recitation of Joyful Mystery 7 to 8pm pm Mass 8 to 8:30pm Refreshment Church Hall
Dec 11 Wednesday	Holy Cross School Advent Confession 9:45pm to 12noon W/ Fr. Fred, Fr. Nabine, Fr. Roshan, Fr. Gustave and Fr. Ernie
Dec 11 Wednesday	Holy Cross School Advent concert Church hall 6pm to 9pm
Dec 13 Friday	Holy Cross Parish Advent confession 6pm to 7pm w/ Fr. Fred and Fr. Nabine
Dec 19 Thursday	Holy Cross School Charity/Advent Mass 10:30am
Dec 15 Sunday to Dec 23 Monday	Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) 7pm except for Saturday 5pm
Dec 24 Tuesday Christmas Eve	9am Mass 7pm Mass 9pm X'mas carols 10pm Mass
Dec 25 Wednesday Christmas Day	9 & 11am Mass
Dec 31 Tuesday New Year's Eve	9am Mass 7pm Vigil Mass
Jan 1, 2025 Wedn New Year	9 and 11am Mass

### Special Devotion Candles – Nov 19 to 26



In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo  
Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo and Family  
"We will always remember the joy you brought  
into our lives."



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Requested by: Dawson Family  
"The sun has set on an amazing life."

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.

Special Devotion Candles intentions for Nov & Dec are filled. We are now accepting January 2025 intentions. Thank you for your continued support.



**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.

### Excerpt Message of His Grace Most Rev. Francis Leo World Youth Day 2024 (Solemnity of Christ the King - November 24)

The theme for this year's World Youth Day, **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary"** (cf. Is 40:31) calls our attention to the importance of hope. We live in a world that needs to rediscover the virtue of hope. Our Holy Father reminds us that while we "live in times marked by dramatic situations that generate despair;" God opens a "highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXXIX World Youth Day). I encourage everyone to read and meditate upon the Pope's Message. As we know, hope is one of the three theological virtues; it nurtures our desire to be with God in eternal life and corresponds to our natural longing for happiness (cf. CCC 1817-1818). As in the case of the prophet Isaiah, hope also gives us the strength to continue marching forward even in the face of adversity, knowing that we can always depend on God regardless of how bleak the outlook might seem (cf. CCC 1820-1821).



**Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be organizing its annual Christmas Toy drive for

the needy children in our parish. A Christmas tree will be placed in the front foyer decorated with gift tags during the weekend of Nov.16/17 or Nov.23/24. Unwrapped gifts with tags should be returned by Nov 30/Dec 1 and handed to one of our members who will be available at each mass. We also need help in wrapping these gifts on Dec 14 Saturday between 9:00 am to 12 pm. Youth can bring their volunteer forms for sign-up of volunteer hours. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated



### Preparing for Advent: A Personal Reflection

**Daily Prayer and Reflection:** Set aside a few minutes each day for prayer and meditation, focus on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

**Scripture Reading:** Read the daily Gospel readings to stay connected with the Advent story. Reflect on

how these readings apply to your life and the world around you.

**Acts of Kindness:** Perform small acts of kindness each day, such as helping a neighbor or donating to a charity. Remember that Advent is a time of giving and sharing love with others.

**Simplify and Focus:** Reduce distractions and focus on what truly matters during this season. Spend quality time with family and friends, and cherish these moments.

**Attend Church Services:** Participate in Advent services and activities. Engage in communal worship and fellowship to strengthen the faith.

**Create an Advent Wreath:** Light a candle each week on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world. Use this time to reflect on the significance of each candle and its meaning.

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