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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Nov/Dec	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
2 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
3 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Ligaya Manuel	Beth & Connie Escabarte
4 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving - Theresa JR Kim	Helena Lee
5 Thurs, 9am	Marie Anderson +	Maureen McKenna
6 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Maria Ennie Paner + Holy Hour Complete Healing - Marcela Abergas All Souls in Purgatory	Paner Family Agustin Family Monica Sigue
7 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Dorothy Freel + Dr. Edmund Chavenia +  For Peace  All Holy Cross Catholic school community deceased relatives & friends	..... Harry Freel Jasmine Balane & Family Incoronata Ambrosini .....
5pm	Helen Huether +	The Family
8 9am	Mike & Cesina Pulla +	Adrianna Cammissa & Family
11 am	Anthony Richard Godfrey +	Godfrey Family

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
*1st Sunday of Advent*  
 Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36 – *The Coming of the Son of Man*

*A New Season of Stewardship*

We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship.

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life.” It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall Jesus says to “be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength.”

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times we’ve failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord’s coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

*Summary*

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. This Advent season, let us heed the advice of Jesus to “be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength.”

<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.*

## DECEMBER 1, 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 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 Wednesday New Year	9 and 11am Mass



The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of **HOPE**. This **candle of hope** symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ. God crafted a great rescue plan that he lays out in Scripture. This plan foretells years in advance the arrival of Christ. The Bible also gives us a glimpse of the future and promises that God will come down to create a new heaven and Earth.

#### Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again



**Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection will be held the weekend of Dec. 21/22 This

special collection funds the work of our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree program. Please use the St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection envelopes left in the pews for this purpose. Tax receipts for donations greater than \$ 20 will be issued. On behalf of our neighbors in need, the Society thanks you for your generosity and kindness during this special season.

### Special Devotion Candles – Nov 26 to Dec 3



Thanksgiving – Ambrosini Family  
Requested by: Incononata Ambrosini  
“Thanks for the gift of life and the many ways in which we are blessed.”



In Loving Memory of Rita Davies  
Requested by: Michelle Davies  
“You left a void that can never be filled.....”

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.

### Simbang Gabi – Night Mass schedule

Dec 15 Sun 7pm	Dec 18 Wed 7pm	Dec 21 Sat 5pm
Dec 16 Mon 7pm	Dec 19 Thurs 7pm	Dec 22 Sun 7pm
Dec 17 Tues 7pm	Dec 20 Fri 7pm	Dec 23 Mon 7pm

Join us for a light refreshment in the church hall following the Simbang Gabi Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some coffee, baked goods, and share laughter and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this joyous occasion together.

### 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



2025 Offertory envelopes are 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.**

**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.

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