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Tuesday to Friday
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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>		
Dec	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
9 Mon, 9am	Thanksgiving – Ducusin Family	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
10 Tues, 9am	Cristita Benedicto +	Mila Benedicto
11 Wed, 9am	Desmond Leahy +	Peggy Leahy & Family
12 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Ligaya Manuel	Denise Roberts
13 Fri	Mary Wilkinson +	Maureen McKenna
14 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Gerard Freel + Doralba Navarro + Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue Harry Freel Marcela Navarro Monica Sigue
5pm	Thanksgiving – Edwin & Winnie Villamayor	Monica Sigue
15 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Katharina Doumouras	Karin Doumouras
11 am 7pm (Simbang Gabi)	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue Rodolfo Montille +	Monica Sigue Galla Montille

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
2nd Sunday of Advent
Gospel: Luke 3.1-6 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist

A Season for Evangelization

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.


Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary


In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

<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

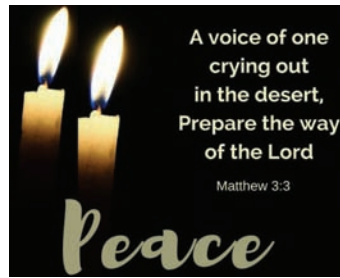
We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

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 8, 2024

December schedule

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





Prayer for Peace: Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities. Amen.

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.

Thank you for making this event more affordable and enjoyable for everyone. Your generosity and support in making this year's Simbang Gabi a memorable and joyous occasion for our community is very much appreciated.

Special Devotion Candles – Dec 3 to 10	
	In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family "You are always loved and never forgotten."
	In Loving Memory of Marie Anderson Requested by: Claudette Wilson "Always 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.	

Dec 15 Sunday 7pm	Legion of Mary	Lou Fernandez	Jenny Manuel
Dec 16 Monday 7pm	Grace Mahia Ligaya Kelly	Orillanes Family	Beltran Family
Dec 17 Tuesday 7pm	Joan Bolanos Mila Benedicto	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin	
Dec 18 Wed 7pm	Merly & Ruel Roque	Carmi & Alexis Sauco	
Dec 19 Thurs 7pm	Lydia Salazar & Remy Simbulan	Bella Celestial Rexen David	
Dec 20 Friday 7pm	Marlyn Tecson	Ybarola Family	Flores Family
Dec 21 Sat 5pm	Joel & Irma Espanol 11 am choir		
Dec 22 Sunday 7pm	Gangoso Family	Dilloso Family	Sophie Villas
Dec 23 Mon 7pm	5pm Ushers		

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



Ways to Support Your Parish

Online through the "Support Your Parish initiative" through the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The link can be found on our Home Page.

Online through our existing PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) program. Contact the office for more information.

By placing a cheque in your traditional offertory envelopes and mailing to the parish office: HolyCross Parish, 291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 2M4.

No matter how you chose to give, please know that your support is needed and appreciated, now more than ever.



2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2025 Offertory envelopes is available to pick up at the back of the church.

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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