

# HOLY CROSS PARISH

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May the  
Spirit of God  
Lead You Through  
the New Year



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Michael Valencia +	Valencia Family
8 Wed, 9am	Severina Mamaril +	Mila Benedicto
9 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mila Benedicto	Elena Manuel & Family
10 Fri, 9am	Severina Mamaril +	Oscar Mamaril & Family
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners For the healing and strength of all those who are sick and suffering	..... .....
5pm	Thanksgiving – Yvette & Angelo Beltran	Cruz & Beltran Family
12 9am	All Deceased members of the Doumouras Family +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	For the success and well- being of our parish ministries and volunteers	.....

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
*Epiphany of the Lord*  
 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 – *The Visit of the Wise Men*

*Being a Visible Witness*

As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means “to make manifest” or “to make known.” So on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.


The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that “we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!” We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus.

One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today’s secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, St. John Paul II said that we should not be “ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport.” Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

*Summary*


The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying “God bless you” when someone sneezes or we say goodbye.

<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.*

## Special Announcement

We would like to inform you that our pastor, **Fr. Fred**, is on holiday until month's end. During his absence, **Fr. Nabine** and **Fr. Melo** will be helping us celebrate the Masses. We appreciate their support and look forward to their guidance.



Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul

**Change of Leadership**  
Letter from Carl D'Souza

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to announce the handover of the Presidency of Holy Cross St Vincent de Paul Conference to Maria (Bibi) Berger. Bibi is widely known to our parishioners and has been a member for many years. Maria has accepted the Presidency for the next term effective Jan 01, 2025. She has also nominated our Treasurer - John Dawson and Secretary, Alisha D'Souza (who was previously the Treasurer).

Congratulations to our new Team Leaders. They have the support of all our 15 current members to carry on the works of the Society at Holy Cross.

Regards

Carl D'Souza

On behalf of the Holy Cross Parish community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your many years of dedicated service as the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP). Your leadership and commitment have made a significant impact on our community, and we are deeply appreciative of all you have done. As you step into retirement, we wish you all the best and hope that this new chapter brings you joy and fulfillment. Your legacy will continue to inspire us.

To the new President and members of SVP, please know that you have our 100% support. We look forward to working together to continue the important work of serving those in need.

Thank you once again for your service and dedication.

**Fr. Freddie Claudio- Pastor**



We are delighted to introduce our talented children's choir, trained under the guidance of Ramon Regozo. Every first Sunday of the month, they will lend their voices and sing one song while the choir members are receiving the Holy Communion. Let's give them our support and encouragement that they continue to grow in their musical & spiritual journey.



Fundraising  
Update

As we begin the year 2025, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of our restoration project.

**Funds Collected:** We are pleased to inform you that, thanks to your generous contributions, we have collected a total of **\$334,685.41** for our restoration project.

**Expenses and Funds on Hand:** To date, we have spent **\$290,959.20** on various restoration activities. We currently have **\$43,726.21** funds on hand, which will be used for upcoming projects.

**Ongoing Projects:** Vestibule doors in the hallway – to be installed in Jan month end.

**Upcoming Projects:** Church visual aid, outside digital signage  
We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have been instrumental in making these projects possible, and we look forward to your continued support as we work towards our goals. Thank you once again for your never-ending support.

### Urgent Fundraising Appeal for Rectory Boiler Replacement

This is to inform you about an urgent issue concerning the rectory boiler. Recently, the boiler pump broke down, and we had to replace the circulating pump and cover the installation costs, amounting to **\$4,226.20**. Given that the rectory boiler dates back to 1938, it is imperative that we start fundraising for a complete replacement before it fails entirely. The estimated cost for a new boiler is approximately \$50,000 plus. We are reaching out to our community for support in this critical time. Your generous contributions will help ensure that we can maintain a warm and safe environment. Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### Special Devotion Candles – Dec 31 to Jan



#### In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo

Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family  
"When someone you love becomes a memory ..... that memory becomes a treasure."



#### Thanksgiving – Incoronata Ambrosini

Requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini  
"Thankful for all the blessings in our 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.

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