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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

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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

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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
13 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
14 Tues, 9am	For the eternal rest and peace of the faithfully departed	Holy Cross
15 Wed, 9am	For all Intentions – Holy Cross Choir	Holy Cross
16 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Matteia Serafin Benedicto	Mila Benedicto
17 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Nelson & Nelia Ducusin	Holy Cross
18 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	Ray & Alice Campbell +	Margaret Moreau
19 Sun 9am	All Souls in Purgatory
11 am	Rodolfo Lugar +	St Cecilia Choir

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Baptism of the Lord
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22 – The Baptism of Jesus

Becoming Role Models

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of “baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.” Let us reflect on how Jesus’ baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.


Firstly, Jesus didn’t need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship,

Summary


As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn’t need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

<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.

Visual Aid Survey Result

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our recent survey. We greatly value your feedback and appreciate your input.

A total of 163 parishioners participated in the survey. 115 parishioners agreed to have a visual aid	
90 preferred a presentation monitor	25 opted for a projector
48 parishioners preferred not to have any visual aid	

Your responses will help us make informed decisions that better serve our parish. We are grateful for your engagement and support.



2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

Please contact the parish office if you have a new address and phone number. It is very helpful to have your correct information to ensure that you receive your official receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you for updating the office. We appreciate your help in keeping our records current.

Prayer For Healing: Heavenly Father, we ask for Your healing touch upon Jimmy Apostolopoulos, Maria Santelices, Bill McNeal, Joanne Zdebiak. Please restore their health, bring comfort to their pain, and give them strength during this difficult time. Amen.

Special Devotion Candles – Jan 7 to 14



Birthday Thanksgiving – Luis, Sarah-Jane & Ava Cervantes

Requested by: Marie Cervantes

“Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life and the privilege to celebrate another year.”



In Loving Memory of Severina Mamaril

Requested by: Oscar Mamaril & Family

“Always in our minds, 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.



Year of Jubilee – Pilgrimage for Young Adults

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from July 23 to August 5.

Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot. Don't miss out—register today <https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253!>

Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day Monday, January 27, 2025, 6 p.m. EST

Venue: Danforth Multifaith Commons, 310 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON, M4K 1N6

A vigil on the 80 th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors and liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems, and preoccupations' (Dialogue and Proclamation, #42). This city-wide event is part of The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time", a commemoration marking the 60 th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue *Nostra Aetate*.



Meet Our SVP Team!

Our St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) team works tirelessly to provide assistance to those in our neighborhood who need help. Their dedication and compassion are truly inspiring. Thank you, SVP team, for your incredible

work. May you continue to do more and touch even more lives with your kindness and generosity.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent the Paul would like to thank all generous donors who contributed and helped the less fortunate in 2024 You made a difference, and we hope you continue to receive our Lords blessings. Thank you once again from your Holy Cross St Vincent de Paul team.



Christmas & New Year's Collection.	
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