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**Office Hours:**

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

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Jan	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
20 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
21 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mr & Mrs Daniel & Angela Kim	Helena Lee
22 Wed, 9am	Silvestre Nelson Lobo & other deceased family members	Charlene Lobo
23 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Naomi Kim	Helena Lee
24 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Jennifer Anne Ducusin	Ducusin Family
25 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners	.....
5pm	All Parishioners	.....
26 Sun 9am	Carmen Caruana +	Georgina Saliba
11 am	Rodolfo Lugar+	Mila Benedicto

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Gospel: John 2.1-12 – The Wedding at Cana

**Lessons from Cana**


In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship.

Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial we should run to Mary and trust that she will console us as a mother console her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary.

Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them.


**Summary**  
We can learn a great deal about stewardship from the account of the Wedding at Cana that we read in the Gospel today. Just as Mary was the first to notice and intervene at the wedding, we can be assured that whenever we run to her in a time of trial, she will readily come to our aid. Secondly, we should seek to imitate the servants who trustingly obeyed Jesus and strive to trust that God can bring about great miracles through our small acts of stewardship.

<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 9:00 am Mass 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 Djore** and **Fr. Luis Melo** will be helping us celebrate the Masses. We appreciate their support and look forward to their guidance.



### 2024 Income Tax Receipts.

We are pleased to inform you that the **2024 tax receipts** are currently being processed. They will be mailed before the end of the month. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported and participated in

our fundraising efforts, and to those who continue to be a pillar of our parish. Your generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated and we thank you for your ongoing support.



### Marriage Sunday 2025 - Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri – Feb. 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### Special Devotion Candles – Jan 14 to 21



#### All Souls in Purgatory

Requested by: Macarayan Family

“Have mercy on the souls in purgatory, Lord.”



#### This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle

Is being offered for all intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.

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.

## Meet Our Friendly and Wonderful Ushers

Our dedicated ushers who serve at Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9 & 11am Mass. They greet parishioners, guests, and visitors with a warm welcome and big smiles. They facilitate and organize a smooth and orderly program before, during, and after the mass.



A huge **THANK YOU** to our ushers for generously giving their time to the church. Your dedication and warmth create a welcoming environment for all. (We missed having some of our wonderful ushers during the recent pictorial. We will be posting pictures of the absent ushers once available)

**Church Boiler**- we've encountered an issue with our church boiler. Unfortunately, the fiberglass cover for the pressure gauge broke/burst, resulting in a small but continuously leak. Ainsworth has already serviced and troubleshot the problem Tuesday Jan 14. Invoice to follow.



### Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025.

Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Events and Program Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at [avperiera@archtoronto.org](mailto:avperiera@archtoronto.org).

### 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.

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