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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/Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
27 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
28 Tues, 9am	Saturnina Quinto +	Ducusin Family
29 Wed, 9am	Arthur Balane +	Beltran Family
30 Thurs, 9am	Eliseo Cruz Jr +	Yvette Beltran
31 Fri, 9am	Rosita Jala +	Ronnie Ybarola
Feb 1 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Leopoldo Isidro Cruz +	..... Manuel & Teresita Garcia
5pm	Josephine Sammit +	Georgina Saliba
2 Sun 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving for the sons & grandchildren of Cervantes Family	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Adela Cabusas +	Ronnie Ybarola

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21 – Jesus Reads in the  
Synagogue

**Embracing our Uniqueness**

In today's second reading St. Paul teaches us a great lesson that can enrich our lives of stewardship. He says, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are made up of many different body parts that each have their own important and distinct role to play in order for the entire body to live. It is the same way in the Church.


The Church is made up of many individuals who are all uniquely and wonderfully made. If we tried to change ourselves to become like someone else, we would be robbing the Church of our own unique contributions. St. Therese uses a beautiful image of a garden to express the importance of embracing who God made us to be. She says, "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

In our lives of stewardship, these different types of flowers represent how all of us have our own unique set of gifts from God. When we recognize that we each have our own strengths, we are less likely to compare ourselves to others and we begin to rid ourselves of envy and pride. We all have a role to play in our parish communities. Let us gratefully acknowledge the unique gifts God has given us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

**Summary**

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that just as the body is made up of many individual parts, so too the church is made up of many individual disciples, all of which have an important role to play. We each have a unique set of gifts and talents that God has bestowed only on us. Let us gratefully acknowledge these unique gifts us and seek ways to offer them back to 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.*

## 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.



### Blessing of candles Sunday Feb 2, 2025

What is Candlemas? Candlemas is a Christian holiday occurring annually on February 2nd that commemorates the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple when he was an infant. It occurs 40 days (inclusively) after Christmas Day. The term "Candlemas" (meaning Candle Mass) refers to the practice of the blessing of the candles by the priest during a church service ("Mass") for use during the year in church and in the homes of the faithful.

## Holy Cross School Mass

Date: Wednesday, Feb 5 Time: 10:30am  
 Officiant: Fr. Freddie Claudio

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday February 7

We invite you to join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a beautiful opportunity for spiritual renewal and connection.

- **6:00 PM:** Holy Hour and Confession
- **7:00 PM:** Mass

Let us come together as a community to seek peace, guidance, and blessings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



**2024 Parish Tax Receipts** are being processed, and assuming Canada Post is on time, you will receive them in the mail on or before **Monday February 3rd**.

### Special Devotion Candles – Jan 21 to 28



**Thanksgiving – Ann Fernandez**  
 Requested by Ann Fernandez

"Thanks to God for His bountiful blessings."



**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.



### Web Coordinator

Karin Doumouras and Ramon Regozo, are our exceptional web and social media coordinators who ensure our online presence is always up-to-date, engaging, and informative.

Their keen eye for detail and creative flair makes our web and Facebook pages not only visually appealing but also relatable to readers. They consistently deliver high-quality content, keeping our community informed and connected. Their dedication and expertise are invaluable to our organization. A huge THANK YOU for their incredible efforts and outstanding contributions in keeping us afloat on the digital platform.



### 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).



**The Catholic Women's League** will be hosting a delightful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **March 2, 2025**, in the Parish Hall. The breakfast menu includes not only delicious pancakes but also sausages, orange juice, fruits, and coffee. There will be two seating times available for attendees, one starting at 10:00 AM and the other at 12:00 noon. Tickets for this event can be purchased on the weekend by visiting our table in the narthex. Don't miss out on this lovely community gathering and the chance to enjoy a wonderful meal!



### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Poland Aug 25 to Sep 5, 2025

The cost of the trip is **\$4750**, which includes taxes and tips. This price covers round trip airfare from Toronto, superior tourist accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, services of professional English-speaking local guides, and all entrance fees to places of interest. A deposit of \$500 guarantees you a spot on this exciting trip!

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - REV. FREDDY CLAUDIO**  
**PASTOR - HOLY CROSS PARISH (EAST YORK - TORONTO)**  
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