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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> | | |
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| Feb | MASS FOR | REQUESTED BY |
| 10 Mon, 9am | NO MASS | |
| 11 Tues, 9am | Raymond Stanley William + | Diana William |
| 12 Wed, 9am | Thanksgiving – San Giuda Taddeo | Incoronata Ambrosini |
| 13 Thurs, 9am | Prayers for healing – Keely Peters | Marge McNeal |
| 14 9am | Prayers for good health – Joseph Wendy & Winski Peters | Marge McNeal |
| 15 Sat, 9am | All Parishioners | |
| 5pm | Orlando G. Orillanes + | Orillanes Family |
| 16 Sun 9am | Maria Iamundo + | Iamundo Family |
| 11 am | Aris Doumouras + | Karin Doumouras |

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 5.1-11 – *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Using our Gifts for Discipleship

In the readings this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the call to discipleship that we all receive as Christians. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to closely follow Him, so too are we called to follow Him in an ever deeper way through our commitment to stewardship.

In the Gospel today we see Jesus getting into Peter's fishing boat so that He could preach to the vast crowds that had come to see Him. Jesus used Peter's possessions to help with His ministry. Peter, like a good disciple, obeyed and cooperated with Jesus' request and Jesus was able to further spread the Good News to those who had gathered around Him.

So too in our lives of stewardship, are we allowing Jesus to use the gifts we possess, namely our time and talents, so that others can come to know the Gospel? We can offer our time to Christ through our commitment to daily prayer. We can also use our time to journey with and support our fellow parishioners, especially those who are going through a time of difficulty. With respect to our talents, we can reflect on our particular gifts and offer them to the appropriate ministries in the parish. For example, if we have the gift of music, perhaps we can look into joining a choir or if we have a background in teaching, perhaps various catechetical ministries in the parish. There are many ways in which God can use us to serve Him. Let us echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, "Here am I; send me!"

Summary

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<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

Sacramental Preparation for

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

If your child(ren) has been baptized in the Catholic Church and currently not enrolled at Holy Cross School but would like to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact the office for details regarding registration and preparation. You can reach us by phone 416-412-5225 or email holycrosssto@archtoronto.org

Important Dates

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

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| March 1 Saturday Registration & Info-session 9:30am - church | Mar 2 Sunday Session 1 10:15am (Family Gathering) Enrollment Ceremony 11am |
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Confirmation

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| Mar 29 Saturday Registration & Parent Info Session 11am Parish Hall | Apr 5 Saturday Enrollment Ceremony 9am church Retreat from 10am to 3pm - parish hall. |
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We look forward to assisting you and your child(ren) on this important journey of faith.



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.



Holy Cross Parish will be hosting a delightful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **March 2, 2025**, in the Parish Hall. The breakfast will be led by the Catholic Women's League and some volunteers. 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!

Special Devotion Candles – Feb 4 to 11



In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo

Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family
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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.



WORLD DAY OF
THE SICK
FEBRUARY 11

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK AND THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, **February 11th, 2025**, the Sacrament of

Anointing will be available after the 9am Mass. Over the centuries, the Anointing of the sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. However, this sacrament is not only for those at the point of death, it is also appropriate to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to a serious operation. Those who have a chronic condition, or are becoming frail with old age, may receive Anointing of the Sick on more than one occasion.



Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and Elevation of Cardinal Leo - Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary Bishops

Celebrations in the Central Region will take place as follows:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Thursday, February 20, 2025– St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (Bishop Kasun to preside)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York (Cardinal Leo to preside)



are invaluable and greatly appreciated by all of us.

Let's extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Counting Committee for their meticulous efforts in accurately counting the Sunday offerings and all special collections'. Their dedication and precision



guiding the students in their faith journey is truly commendable.

Our deep appreciation to the Sacramental Catechists for their exceptional work in preparing the students for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Your commitment to nurturing and

Although some ministry members (**Christina D'Souza** and **Milagros Benedicto**-sacramental catechists) were not present when the photo was taken, their faithful service to the Lord does not go unnoticed. We are sincerely grateful for your hard work and devotion.

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