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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
17 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
18 Tues, 9am	Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin +	Ducusin Family
19 Wed, 9am	Erose Ancheta +	Joel & Irma Lugar
20 Thurs, 9am	Mike Zdebiak +	Joanne Zdebiak
21 9am	Thanksgiving – Peter Geekie	Julia Geekie
22 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	Roman & Juliana Salaysay +	Manuel & Teresita Garcia
23 Sun 9am	Thanksgiving – Tirzah Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
11 am	Maria Barrios +	Ronnie Ybarola

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26 – *Blessings and Woes*

Blessed is the One Who Trusts

In the first reading this Sunday we learn all about the importance of trust. The Lord says to the prophet Jeremiah, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ... That person shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green.” Let us take some time to reflect on the role of trust in our lives as stewards.


Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may not always see the fruit of our labours. The parish vitality may still seem bleak or people may still seem to lack interior conversion. However, this is where the need for trust comes in.

We must trust that God will surely bless our stewardship and bring about great graces, even though we do not see them. Whenever we begin to lose hope because of the slow progress in our ministry, we can look to our own lives for reassurance. We ourselves probably didn’t have a conversion experience the first time we heard the Gospel. All of those moments were instead slow and gradual movements the Lord used to bring us to where we are now. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

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.*

REPORT TO THE FAITHFUL
HOLY CROSS PARISH, TORONTO
FOR THE PERIOD: 01/01/24..31/12/24

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
General Receipts		General Payments	
Offertory	\$ 152,950.26	Clergy Salaries & Stipends	\$ 57,785.00
Other Parish Collections	5,678.65	Lay / Musicians Salaries	64,434.49
Christmas and Easter	9,429.22	Lay / Musician Company Services	0.00
Baptisms/Funerals/Marriages	5,030.00	Payroll Remittances	17,720.89
Mass Offerings / Intentions	13,157.00	Office Services / Supplies	4,876.77
Bequests & Legacies	0.00	Mass Facility Rental	0.00
Other Donations	5,678.88	Property Insurance	7,612.89
Rental and Interest Revenue	4,600.06	Utilities - Church	11,800.19
Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, youth)	1,312.88	Repairs & Maintenance	193,588.54
Sundry (admin, subsidy, articles, candles, restricted funds, socials)	234,212.78	Grounds Maintenance/Landscaping	4,722.10
Special Diocesan Collections		Traffic Control / Security Service	769.47
Canadian Missions	1,324.30	Choir / Music Payments	0.00
Evangelization of Nations (World Missions)	1,386.60	Liturgy / Mass Payments	30,565.27
Humanitarian Relief	0.00	Other Church Payments	5,136.27
Marygrove Camp	1,042.80	Hall Expenses	1,321.10
Mission Co-Op	3,488.45	Rectory Payments	30,596.22
Needs of Canadian Church (Bishops' Collection)	1,333.50	Assessments: clergy health & retirement, diocesan, chaplaincy	43,733.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land (Good Friday)	2,457.85	Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, volunteering, youth)	1,202.23
Pope's Pastoral Works	791.20	Sundry (admin, articles/candles, professional fees, rental, restricted, socials, staff training)	52,977.08
ShareLife	15,357.95	Special Diocesan Collections Disbursed	32,059.75
Shepherds' Trust	3,442.85	Other Payments	
Other	1,434.25	Principal loan repayments	0.00
Other Receipts		Interest Payments on Loans	0.00
New loans	0.00	New Investments Purchased	2,405.43
Investments withdrawn	40,370.81	Property Additions / Restorations	78.38
Sale of parish assets	0.00	Furnishings / Equipment	19,906.58
Total Receipts for the Period	504,480.29	Total Payments for the Period	583,291.65
Opening cash balance	128,381.67	Ending cash balance	49,570.31
Transfers in from other parish bank accounts	0.00	Transfers Out to other parish bank accounts	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 632,861.96	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 632,861.96

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	
March 1 Saturday Registration & Info-session 9:30am - church	Mar 2 Sunday Session 1 10:15am (Family Gathering) Enrollment Ceremony 11am
Confirmation	
Mar 29 Saturday Registration & Parent Info Session 11am Parish Hall	Apr 5 Saturday Enrollment Ceremony 9am church Retreat from 10am to 3pm - parish hall.

We look forward to assisting you and your child(ren) on this important journey of faith.



On behalf of our parish community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredibly generous donation of **\$45,000** for the **replacement of our rectory**

boiler and \$2000 for the ShareLife campaign. Your kindness and support will significantly benefit our parish community.

We are deeply touched by your willingness to contribute anonymously, and we respect your wish for privacy. Your generosity will ensure the comfort and safety of our rectory, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

Thank you once again for your remarkable generosity. May you be blessed abundantly for your kindness.

With sincere appreciation,

Fr. Freddie Claudio (Pastor)

Project Updates

We are pleased to inform everyone that the **vestibule doors** have been completed.

Presentation monitors, we are currently in discussions with the contractor and refining some tasks before starting the project.

We are now in the process of obtaining quotes for the **boiler replacement in the rectory**, now that we have secured a seed money

Upcoming Mass Celebrations and Q & A Session with Bishop Kasun

We are pleased to inform you that Bishop Kasun will be celebrating weekend Masses on **Mar 22 & 23, 2025**. After each mass, parishioners will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications. We look forward for your participation in these special events and hope that you will take this opportunity to engage with Bishop Kasun and our parish community. We thank you in advance for your continued support and involvement.

Special Devotion Candles – Feb 11 - 18



Thanksgiving – Helena Lee

Requested by: Helena Lee

“Thank you for filling me with your peace that surpasses all understanding.”



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.

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