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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meditate on
God's
Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Feb/Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
24 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
25 Tues, 9am	Barbara Crisp +	Joan Skura
26 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving to All Saints	Incoronata Ambrosini
27 Thurs, 9am	All deceased members of Ambrosini Family	Incoronata Ambrosini
28 Fri, 9am	Maria Paz Beltran +	Rico Beltran & Family
Mar 1 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	Michele Giovanni Mauro+	Maria Mauro & Family
2 Sun 9am	Reynaldo Mejilla +	Mercede Mejilla
11 am	All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday Gospel Reflection
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 6.27-38 – Love for Enemies

Praying for Our Enemies

In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated. Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies.

In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them, but it begins with small acts of prayer.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

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	
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.



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. The 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!

Pancake ticket: Adults \$10.00 / Children \$5.00
Raffle tickets are available at just \$5.00 each. Prices include 3 gift baskets each valued at \$100.

Special Devotion Candles – Feb 18 to 25	
	<p>Thanksgiving – Tirzah Celestine Requested by: Cecelia Celestine "Thank you for the countless blessings received."</p>
	<p>In Loving Memory of Jennifer Ramlochan Requested by: Ava Panchoo Mohammed and Family "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."</p>
<p>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.</p>	

Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, Mar 5.	
Morning Mass	9am
Holy Cross School Mass	10:30am
Evening Mass	7pm

During each service, ashes will be distributed as a sign of our repentance and commitment to spiritual renewal. We encourage you to attend one of these services and begin the Lenten journey with us. We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with you and deepening our faith together.

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.

PARISH DIGITAL PLATFORMS

We encourage you to visit our parish website/Facebook regularly for bulletin news and weekly updates. It is an excellent resource for staying informed and connected with the parish activities, upcoming events, and important announcements.

WEBSITE: HOLYCROSSTO.ARCHTORONTO.ORG
FACEBOOK: HOLY CROSS PARISH

January 2025 Collection Breakdown	
Jan 3	\$6821.45
Jan 9	\$3826.55
Jan 16	\$3209.30
Jan 23	\$2861.10
Jan 30	\$3603.05
PAG	\$1698.36
Donate Now	\$3356.13
Total:	\$25375.94



Revenues from mass intentions/devotion candles/candles included. Thank you very much for your continuous generosity, commitment and contributions.



"YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU"

The Knights of Columbus is starting a Council at Holy Cross Church and welcoming Gentlemen 18 years of age and over to join the Order as Charter Members. Members names will be printed in the "Charter of Initiation" and be on record for life. Membership drives will be held on March 2nd and 9th after all masses, and the following Sundays (Gerard only) till we attain 30 new members. Membership is free for the first calendar year (Dec 31st 2025) For all inquiries please feel free to contact Gerard Gonsalves at: gkgerard@yahoo.com or 416-890-8062.

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