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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>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
17 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
18 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Nehreen Maria Alog	Alog Family
19 Wed, 9am	For good health – Lucinda Skura Themelis	Joan Skura
20 Thurs, 9am	Floro & Dionisia Claudio +
21 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving - Enrique De Leon	Holy Cross
22 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	For All Intention of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.
23 9am	Suresh Alfred +	Angela Alfred
11 am	Denzil Lobo +	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
2nd Sunday of Lent
 Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36 – *The Transfiguration*

Ascending and Descending the Mountain

Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ. This passage describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements, of ascent and descent, are critical in the lives of stewards.


Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ. Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences. However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active.

However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountain-top experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News.

Summary


Just as the apostles were invited to ascend the mountain for the Lord's transfiguration, we too are called to ascend our own mountains. We can do this whenever we take some time away from the noise of the world so that we may experience the glory and majesty of Christ in prayer. We are then called to descend the mountain and use the grace of our mountain-top experiences to spread the Gospel in the world.

<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.*

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.



"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.



On the **2nd Sunday of Lent**, let us remember the significance of the Transfiguration and its message of hope and transformation. As we reflect on this event, we can draw

inspiration from the following themes:

Faith and Trust: Just as the disciples were encouraged to trust in Jesus, we too are called to deepen our faith and trust in God's plan for us.

Transformation: The Transfiguration reminds us that we are all called to be transformed by God's grace. Lent is a time for personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Listening to Jesus: The command to "listen to Him" invites us to pay closer attention to Jesus' teachings and to apply them in our daily lives.

God's Presence: The presence of Moses and Elijah with Jesus on the mountain signifies that God is always with us, guiding and supporting us through our journey.

Hope and Glory: The glimpse of Jesus' divine glory offers us hope for the future, reminding us of the promise of eternal life and the glory that awaits us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us open our hearts to God's transformative power and strive to live out these lessons in our lives.

Special Devotion Candles – Mar 11 to 18



Power of Prayers - Derek's return to faith

Requested by: Sandy Hall

"We ask that You continue to bless Derek with wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as he walks this path with You."



For all Intentions

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.

Lent Season

Stations of the Cross Friday, starting March 7 to Apr 18 @ 7:30pm

Our weekly gatherings will begin with Mass at 7:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. These evenings provide a profound opportunity to reflect on the passion and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lenten Confession

Holy Cross School	Apr 10 Thursday, 9:45am to 12noon
Holy Cross Church	Apr 11 Friday from 5pm, before the 7pm Mass



Join Our 11 AM Choir!

Our 11 AM choir is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us! If you have a love for singing and would like to

be part of a wonderful group, we would love to have you. This is a great opportunity to share your talent, meet new people, and contribute to our community. No special experience is required—just a willingness to learn and participate. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to [Mel Cruz 416-668-8505]. We look forward to making beautiful music together!



A Day with Mary

Save the Date: On **Saturday, May 31**, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day with Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City from 10am to 4pm. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address

for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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