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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.

Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
7 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
8 Tues, 9am	All deceased members of the Waldron Family	Claudette Wilson
9 Wed, 9am	Irene MacNeil +	William MacNeil & Maria Santelices
10 Thurs, 9am	Resty Foronda +	Ducusin Family
11 Fri 9am	Ofelia Villaluz +	Ducusin Family
12 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Miguel, Loreto, Cesar & Alfredo Mahia + Socorro Jarabe + Grace Mahia Jarabe Family
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Mila Valencia	Toni Tabaniag
13 9am	Henry & Lucinda McErlean +	Joan Skura
11 am	4th death anniversary - Ronald Jacinto +	Nerisa Jacinto

Sunday Gospel Reflection
5th Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 8.1-11 – The Woman Caught in Adultery

Pressing on Towards the Goal

As we quickly approach Holy Week let us take a moment to reflect on how we are using this time of Lent to renew our zeal for stewardship. In the second reading this Sunday we hear St. Paul say, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." We can learn a lot from this image of constantly moving forward towards the prize of our heavenly reward.


Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. The decision to wake up and recognize each day as a blessing from God. The decision to offer the gifts of our time and talents for the good of the parish community. The decision to practice a moment of patience and understanding when we are frustrated or annoyed. The decision to forgive someone who has wronged us even though it is difficult. The decision to pray and receive the sacraments in order to strengthen our lives through God's grace.

As we strive to make positive decisions, let us not be discouraged when we fall or face setbacks in our ministry. St. John Paul II says that "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we simply keep pressing forward. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that "God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful." Let us strive to be faithful stewards as we journey towards our heavenly goal.

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.*

THE COMMENTS SECTION

We have received comments regarding the presentation monitor not being level and the vestibule doors making noise when closing. We appreciate your feedback and would like to provide some update on these matters.

Our church structure is not properly leveled, which has caused various issues over time. When we installed the carpets, we encountered similar problems when we put back the pews, they were not aligned and required additional adjustments.

The **presentation monitor** upon installation, it was elevated by 5 degrees, in accordance with the arc structure. Our contractor has reworked and made the necessary adjustments to ensure it is now aligned with the right monitor.

Vestibule doors, particularly the center door, which creates a loud noise when closing. One of the primary factors contributing to the issue are the hinges. The previous hinges, which had served us for over 70 years, are now obsolete. As a result, we have had to use the present hinges available. Our custodian has taken temporary steps by placing foam padding to reduce the sound when the door closes. Meanwhile, our contractor is actively searching for suitable hinges that can properly support the weight of the solid mahogany door and address the noise concern effectively.

We are aware of these challenges and are actively seeking solutions to improve the situation. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we work towards resolving these issues.



"Renewed in Hope and Grace"

As we journey deeper into Lent, the Fifth Sunday reminds us of the transformative power of God's love. It is a time to reflect on the promise of new life, even when we

face trials and challenges. Like Lazarus being raised from the dead, we are invited to leave behind what binds us and embrace the liberating grace of Christ.

Let us renew our commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, drawing closer to the hope of Easter. May this week inspire us to live with faith and courage, trusting in God's plan for each of us.

Upcoming Events
Apr 6 – FR/FHC Family Gathering Session 3 Parish Hall 10:15am
SSVP Lenten Easter Food Drive Mar/ Apr
Apr 11 Friday – Soup Night after the Stations of the Cross
Apr 12 – First Reconciliation (29 candidates) with Fr. Claudio & Fr. Djore Nabine, Fr. Roshan D'Souza @ 10:30am

Lenten Schedules
Apr 13 – Palm Sunday
April 17 th Holy Thursday – Celebration of No 9:00 A.M. Mass The Lord's Supper & Washing of 7:00 P.M. Followed by Adoration The Feet until 10:00 pm
April 18 th Good Friday – Liturgy of the Passion of Christ 12 noon & 3:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.
April 19 th Holy Saturday No 9:00 A.M. Mass Easter Vigil 7:00 P.M.
April 20 th Easter Sunday 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

February Offertory Collections Report	
Feb 6	4257.70
Feb 13	2656.50
Feb 20	2235.50
Feb 27	4548.15
PAG/Donate Now	2508.54
Total:	16206.39

This total includes all revenue received from candles, Mass offerings, and certificates. Thank you for your continued support of our church community. We deeply appreciate your generosity. As expenses for the church and rectory continue to rise and collections remain steady, we're trying our best to offset the increasing costs. Your kindness and contributions enable us to sustain our mission and serve the parish faithfully.



A Day with Mary

An Archdiocesan Celebration of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A day commencing with Holy Mass,

praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address, music, children's catechesis, fellowship and more. We hope that you will consider joining the Cardinal and many others who love our Blessed Mother. Bus ride information for those who wish to join is as follows.....

Place	King City
Date	May 31 st , 7:30am to 7:30pm
Price	\$45.00/person, please bring your own lunch

For more information, contact: Claudette Wilson 416 -467-0720 cell 647-825-5591 \ Holy Cross Parish 416 -421- 5225

Lenten Season	
Stations of the Cross Friday, starting March 7 to Apr 18 immediately after the 7pm Mass	
Our weekly gatherings will begin with Mass at 7:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.	
Lenten Confession	
Holy Cross School	Apr 10 Thursday, 9:45am to 12noon
Holy Cross Church	Apr 11 Friday from 5pm, before the 7pm Mass

Special Devotion Candles Apr 1 to 8	
	In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.
	In Loving Memory of Dan & Nancy Ingrouville Requested by: Marie Cervantes "We cherish the memories we shared and find comfort in knowing you are at peace".

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