



# H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H

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## Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00pm

**Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor**

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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

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

# Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr /May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
28 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
29 Tues, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. Roselle Azares	Claudette Wilson
30 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Mikael Santos	Myrna Ramos
May 1 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. John Pak	Claudette Wilson
2 (1 <sup>st</sup> Fri) 9am 6pm 7pm	Jack Thistle + Holy Hour Birthday Thanksgiving – Manny Lopes	Barbara Read  Claudette Wilson
3 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Manuel & Teresita Garcia Alexander Saucó +	..... Manuel & Teresita Garcia Carmela & Alexis Saucó
5pm	Dionisia Claudio +	Myrna Ramos
4 9am	98 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving – Maria Boudreau	Karin Doumouras
11 am	All Deceased members of Tiburcio & Oligo Families.	Rose & Joseph Oligo

### Sunday Gospel Reflection

*2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday*  
Gospel: John 20.19-31 – *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

### *Learning from Doubting Thomas*

On this Second Sunday of Easter we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas wasn't present and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Christ we too may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

### *Summary*

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding

<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.*



To Fr. Freddie Claudio  
Wishing you a speedy return to good health. Get Well Soon...  
You've already passed your surgery with strength and courage. Now please make the rest of our prayers come true and have a quick recovery.  
From your Holy Cross Parish Community



#### KNOW YOUR FAITH:

The BOOK OF REVELATION is a very intriguing Book in the New Testament. Come and join us as we continue to unveil the deeper reality behind the symbols and meaning of this inspiring Book. We will be meeting in the hall for 4 Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. on MAY 13, 20, 27 + JUNE 3rd. Everyone is welcome!



Our gratitude for your generous donations to ShareLife over the past three weeks. Thanks to your incredible support, we have collected a total of **\$6,714.25**. Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. Your commitment to helping others is truly inspiring and greatly appreciated.

"The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is accepting names of eligible girls and boys interested in attending camp this summer. A bus is available to take campers to/from each camp. More information can be found on the website. <https://www.ssvp.on.ca/en/childrenscamp.php>

**\*Marygrove Camp** is an all girls camp for ages 5 - 13 located on Georgian Bay near Penetanguishene. It is an 8-day camping experience for girls who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. There are 6 sessions which run throughout July and August.

**\*Camp Ozanam** is a camp for boys ages 7 - 12, near Stouffville. It is a 7-day camping experience for boys who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. There are 3 sessions in July and 1 session in August.

If you have an interested girl or boy camper wishing to register please contact Maria Dawson at [mtdawson64@gmail.com](mailto:mtdawson64@gmail.com)"



#### A Tribute to Pope Francis 1936 - 2025

With profound sorrow, we bid farewell to Pope Francis, a beacon of compassion, humility, and unwavering faith. His life was a testament to service, a journey dedicated to uplifting the marginalized, advocating for peace, and reminding the world of the power of love and mercy.

From his earliest days as a priest to his transformative papacy, Pope Francis led with kindness, embracing those in need and championing social justice. His commitment to environmental stewardship, interfaith dialogue, and the dignity of all people transcended borders, inspiring millions across the globe.

His words carried wisdom, his actions reflected grace, and his presence brought hope. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the indelible mark he has left on humanity—a legacy of unity, compassion, and faith.

May his spirit continue to guide us, and may his teachings remain a source of light in the world. **Rest in peace, Holy Father.**



Our deepest gratitude to each one of you who volunteered and participated in making this Holy Week smooth,

organized, and orderly. Your dedication and hard work were truly invaluable, and without your help, it would have been impossible to achieve such a wonderful outcome. Thank you for your time, effort, and unwavering support. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and we are blessed to have such a committed and caring community. May God bless you all abundantly.



#### St. Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle Up Weekend – May 10/11

On the weekend of May 10/11, St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, beddings (any condition), drapery, towels, toys (new only). **We DON'T accept:** Baby items, construction materials, furniture, books, dishes.

A member of the society will be at the truck and ready to assist you between 9 am to 6 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Special Devotion Candles Apr 22 to 29



#### For all Intention - Zdebiak Family

Requested by: Joanne Zdebiak

"We offer this candle in gratitude for the health and well-being of our loved ones."



**This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is** being offered for all intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.

#### March Offertory Collections Report

Mar 6	3925.55
Mar 13	3046.30
Mar 20	3411.45
Mar 27	4121.30
PAG/Donate Now	2508.54
Total:	17038.32

This total includes all revenue received from candles, Mass offerings, First Communion/Confirmation registration fees and certificate copies. Thank you for your continued support.



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