



# 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.

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**Principal: Kimberly Blanchet**

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
5 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
6 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Anthony & Aderlynn Flores	Aderlynn Flores
7 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
8 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Geekie Family	Julia Geekie
9 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Therese De Manche	Therese De Manche
10 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang Birthday Thanksgiving – Jonjon Agustin	..... Therese De Manche Anna Agustin
5pm	Mike & Cesina Pulla +	Adrianna Cammisa & Family
11 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Marie Cervantes	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Jared Ybarola	The Ybarola Family

## Meditate on God's Word



### Sunday Gospel Reflection

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Gospel: John 21.1-19 – Jesus Appears on the Beach

#### Learning to Truly Love Christ

In the Gospel this Sunday we're called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage. The first time Jesus asks Peter he uses the word "agape," which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus has for us.

However, in Peter's response he uses the word "philia," which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn't raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt, because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he's currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn't desire Peter to remain at that level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that He would one day be able to love Jesus agape. Jesus does the same in the lives of all of His stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, "Jesus I love you, help me to love you more each day."

#### Summary

When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term "agape," signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, "philia," the love of friends. However, by the third time it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him philia, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we're comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

<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.*



With the upcoming **First Holy Communion ceremony on Sunday, May 11th, at 2:00 PM**, let us offer our prayers for the 29 candidates as they

prepare to receive the gift of the Eucharist. May their hearts be filled with God's love and grace, drawing them ever closer to Him.

Liam Alfonso Angeles	Cecilia Sengnu Awng
Thaddeus Aziz	Olivia Bell
Leo Giacomo Cacciottolo	Ronan Brady Callinan
Juliana Krystyna Cammisa	Chloe Caravasilis
Thomas Hyechan Chu	Princess Keziah Casmin Corpuz
Renato Dejas	Aron Javier Bohorquez Finol
Jack Gaik	Maya Angela Ilic
James Khalil	Jonathan Khalil
Nadia Nagudi	Andrew N-Lam
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Gabriel Alexander Reodica	Carlos Leo Rubio-Reyes
Emma Sanna	Ethan Stevenson
Kamilah Skyrah Tagapan	Amelia Scarsella Thauer
Matthieu Zion Togonon	Phoenix Valenzuela
Matthew Wuyaw	



#### 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!

"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) or please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, telephone number, child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.

We are pleased to share an update regarding the rectory boiler replacement project. The Finance Committee has approved the quote from **Versatech**, with the total project cost amounting to **\$45727.71**. A contingency fund of 15% has also been set aside, bringing the total allocation to **\$52,600**.

The removal and installation of the new boiler will take place in approximately 4 to 5 weeks, once the weather stabilizes and heating is no longer needed. We appreciate your patience and support as we move forward with this important improvement. Below is a list of the funds raised for this project. Your generosity and commitment to our parish make this possible, and we sincerely thank you for your contributions.

Fr. Freddie Claudio

Pastor

#### Fundraising update: Project: Rectory Boiler Replacement

Feb 6, 2025 Anonymous Donor	\$45000.00
Feb 22, 2025 Niagara Bus Trip	\$1001 00
Apr 26, 2025 Niagara Bus Trip	\$1421.65



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

On the weekend of May 10/11, The 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.



#### Pilgrims of Hope" – Catholic Education Week May 4 to 9, 2025

As we come together this week to celebrate Catholic education, we reflect on the profound impact that our schools—and especially our teachers—have had on shaping the hearts and minds of generations. We offer our prayers and deep gratitude for the incredible teachers who have given us the strong foundation upon which we build our future. Your guidance, wisdom, and sacrifices have shaped countless lives, and for that, we are eternally thankful. May God continue to bless you with strength, wisdom, and fulfillment in your mission. May you always find joy in the work you do and the lives you touch.

#### Special Devotion Candles Apr 29 to May 4



##### In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo

Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo

"We honor your legacy and strive to live by the values you held dear."



##### Thanksgiving Romeo & Violy Soriano

Requested by: Holy Cross Church

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