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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
19 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
20 Tues, 9am	Cecille Boyer +	Pat Boyer
21 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving The Libatique Family	Libatique Family
22 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Vinda & Fe Olase	Arthur & Siony Libatique
23 Fri, 9am	Rev. Mon. Domingo Nebres +	Libatique Family
24 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Severina Mamaril + James Roberts + Arthur & Siony Libatique Tess Macarayan & Family
5pm	Birthday Thanksgiving – Myrna Ramos	Josie Carino
25 Sun, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Marie Cervantes	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Thanksgiving – Carina D’Souza	D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
5th Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++ –The New Commandment

St. Therese’s School of Love

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus gives us the new commandment to love one another just as He loves us. Jesus goes on to say that “everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” As stewards we must always seek to love others and in doing so, point them to Christ. Let us take some time to reflect on the words of a great saint of love, St. Therese of Lisieux.

St. Therese, a doctor of the Church, famously promoted her “little way.” She didn’t believe she was strong enough to perform great acts of charity or mortification. Instead, she sought to offer up small acts of kindness as her gifts to Christ and the Church. She tells us to “miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” Love isn’t reserved solely for grand gestures but can also be displayed through small charitable acts.

Moreover, St. Therese says that “without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” We must always infuse our stewardship with great love otherwise it may turn into simple volunteerism. Let us seek ways to offer up our time and talent to our parish communities, regardless of how small they may seem to be. St. Therese reassures us that “Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.” Let us strive to fully give of ourselves and remember St. Therese’s teaching that “When one loves, one does not calculate.”

Summary

Jesus says in the Gospel that “everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” As stewards we should always strive to love others, but we should remember that love isn’t reserved solely for grand gestures but can also be displayed through small charitable acts. St. Therese of Liseux tell us to “miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

<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.*

A Heartfelt Thank You
**TO ALL OF OUR
 AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**
 We couldn't do it without you!

Dear Parishioners, Community, and Volunteers, With grateful hearts, we extend our

appreciation to each of you for your incredible support in making the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies a truly meaningful and joyous celebration.

Your dedication, generosity, and prayers helped create a beautiful and memorable experience for our candidates as they took these important steps in their faith journey. From preparing the church to guiding the children, assisting in the liturgy, and supporting in countless ways—your kindness and service made all the difference.

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and faith-filled community. May God continue to bless you abundantly for all that you do!

Fr. Godofredo Claudio
 Pastor



We are grateful for your kindness and generosity in supporting the second

ShareLife collection. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to collect **\$3,330**, which will go toward helping those in need and making a meaningful impact in our community. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of this mission of love and charity.



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 20, 27 + JUNE 3rd**. Everyone is welcome!

Special Devotion Candles May 13 to 20



Prayers for comfort & healing – Lydia Roque

Requested by: Mila Benedicto
 "Lord, ease her suffering, renew her spirit, and restore her health according to Your will."



Birthday Thanksgiving – Vinda Olase

Requested by: Mila Benedicto
 "May God's blessings be with you, today and always."

As this candle burns, may it be a symbol of our prayers rising to heaven. May its flame shine brightly in honor of [intention or person's name], illuminating the presence of God's love, peace, and grace. Lord, hear our prayers and bless this offering of light. May it bring comfort, hope, and guidance in times of need, and may Your divine presence be felt in every flicker of its glow. Amen.

"A Day with Mary" May 31st bus trip to Villanova College 2480 15th Sideroad King City, during this Jubilee Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope. We are blessed to have **Cardinal Leo and other priests**; join us for this special occasion.

Time:	Bus leave @ 7:30am
Price:	\$45/person
* Food trucks available with combo meals at \$10.00	
* Feel free to bring a bag lunch	

All are welcome, including children of any age. However, please ensure they are **registered with the church (416-421-5225) or Claudette (416-467-0720)**. There is plenty of space on the bus, but early registration is encouraged! Don't miss out on this meaningful and enjoyable experience.

"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>
 *Camp Ozanam is a camp for boys ages 7 - 12, near Stouffville. 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 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.



Our beloved parishioner, Arturo "Kuya Arthur" Libatique, is celebrating his 90th birthday! For 51 years (since 1973) Holy Cross has been your spiritual home, and through the years, you have served faithfully as our weekday Eucharistic

minister. Congratulations on this incredible milestone, Kuya Arthur! Wishing you many more birthdays to come, along with good health, strength, and countless blessings.

From your parish community—Happy Birthday!

Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works – May 25, 2025

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.



Our deepest condolences to the families of our parishioners, **Raffaele Ruscillo** and **James Roberts**, who passed away last week. May they rest in eternal peace, and may their loved ones find

strength and comfort during this difficult time.

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