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

Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 9:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays: except July and August

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.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Sep	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
1 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
2 Tues, 9am	Consolacion Muya + Canadian Martyrs	Ana Muya & Family
3 Wed, 9am	Glen Foronda +	Ducusin Family
4 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving - Raymond (Canadian Martyrs Parish)	Raymond Lui
5 1 st Fri, 9am 6pm 7pm	Gregoria Ramos + HOLY HOUR Gilbert Gallardo +	Lou Fernandez Vivian & Gene Beltijar
6 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Gregoria Ramos + (Canadian Martyrs Parish) Monica Sigue
7 Sun, 9am 11 am	Jimmy Apostolopulos + Thanksgiving – Noella & Chris Milne	Marie Cervantes D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 14:1,7:14)

Choosing the Low Place

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C brings us a strong message about humility. Jesus reminds us not to seek praise or high places. Instead, he shows us that real honor comes when we let go of pride. Those who lift themselves up will be brought down, but those who stay low will be raised up by God.

The readings today all point to the same idea. Sirach tells us to be gentle and humble. Hebrews reminds us that we are part of something bigger than we can see. And in the Gospel, Jesus teaches that when we welcome the poor, the sick, and the outcast, we welcome blessings that will last forever.

Summary:

Jesus is dining at the home of a Pharisee and notices how guests choose places of honor at the table. He uses this moment to teach a parable about humility: **Lesson on Seating:** Jesus advises guests to choose the lowest place rather than the highest. If the host invites you to move up, you'll be honored in front of others. But if you're asked to move down, you'll be humbled. **Lesson on Hospitality:** He tells the host not to invite friends, relatives, or wealthy neighbors who can repay the favor. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind—those who cannot repay you. In doing so, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

This is the essence of Christian stewardship: giving without expecting anything in return, serving with a humble heart, and recognizing that all we have is a gift from God.

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” — Luke 14:11

<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.*

Welcome Back! Summer flew by in a blink, and we're excited to return with our bulletin publication. We hope everyone had a restful and joyful summer break!

Here are some upcoming events and opportunities to reconnect, reflect, and grow together:

First Friday Devotions Resume

Starting September 5 and continuing every **First Friday of the month:**

- **6:00 PM – Holy Hour**
- **7:00 PM – Mass**

Join us for this monthly time of prayer, reflection, and worship. All are welcome!



Fellowship & Learning: Sunday Readings Study
Facilitator: Therese De Manche

When: Saturdays, **September 6 – December 6**, right after the **9:00 AM Mass** for 1 hour. Deepen your understanding of the Sunday Readings and grow in faith through shared reflection and study.

97th Church Anniversary – World on a Plate

Date: Sunday, **September 14**

Time: **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Cost: \$10/plate

Celebrate our rich cultural diversity with delicious food from around the world! Most Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun will be joining us in celebration. Want to donate a dish? Kindly contact Elena Manuel or church office.

SVP Fall Bundle-Up Weekend

Dates: **September 27 & 28** **Location:** Truck parked behind the Church **Time:** **9:00 AM – 6:00 PM** (both days)

A member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be present to receive your donations.

Financial Summary: Facilities & Grounds Update – Church & Rectory

Boiler Replacement: \$52,600 allot incl of 15% contingency fund

Anonymous Donor: \$45,000 + 7,000.

Funds Raised: \$ 4,427.80

The boiler replacement has been successfully completed. Final testing is pending before activating the heating system for the upcoming winter season.

New Equipment Purchase:

Craftsman 1100 Riding Lawn Mower \$3478.14

Specs: 11.5 HP, Manual Gear, 36-inch Cut Width

This new mower will significantly improve lawn maintenance efficiency across the property.

Sanctuary Enhancements:

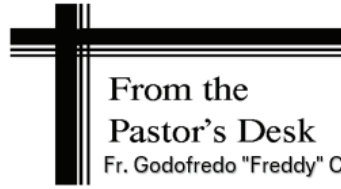
Altar Crucifix \$672.90 Donor: Anonymous

A beautiful new crucifix has been added to the altar, enhancing the sacred atmosphere of our worship space.

Stained Glass Window Repair \$2825.00

Donor: Anonymous

Restoration of the stained-glass window has been completed, preserving its historical and spiritual significance.



My dear Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish:

Welcome back after the summer break. As we come together again, we are once again reminded of the sign of Hope in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do we have HOPE?

With the death and resurrection of Jesus, HOPE was given to us. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 5:5 said: "...and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been given hope and new life. as people of faith, this is our strength. And the love of Jesus for you and me created Hope, because hope is with Jesus who is working in us and with us and around us.

This hope which is anchored in Jesus give us a light of hope in the midst of suffering, of pain of trials that come our way. In spite of all the difficulties and challenges of life, there is hope! there is hope! as St. Paul advised us in his letter to the Galatians 6:9, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." May we not give up as we begin a new era of our life, as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, because we are all "Pilgrims of Hope."

May God accompany us in our journey of hope, with our Blessed Virgin Mary our mother, the mother of Hope, so that she will guide us as we follow the way of Jesus her Son. Amen.

Special Devotion Candles Sep 2 to 9



In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo

Requested by Vincenza Ruscillo & Family

"Your legacy continues to shine through our lives."



Prayers for speedy recovery – Ligaya Salaysay

Requested by Teresita Garcia & Family

"May God's healing hand rest upon you, bringing strength to your body and peace to your spirit."

Labour Day Closure Please note that **Monday, September 1** is a **statutory holiday**. The **church and office will be closed** for the day.

Limited Office Hours – From **Tuesday, September 2 to Thursday, September 4**, our office will operate on **limited hours: 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, September 9.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. For urgent matters during this period, please approach **Fr. Fred** directly.

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