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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.

Holy Cross School Phone: 416-393-5242

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Principal: Arlene Martin

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
SEP	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
9 Tues, 9am	Gregoria Ramos+ Canadian Martyrs	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
10 Wed, 9am	Margaret Jones +	Tina Wadsworth
11 Thurs, 9am	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
12 9am	Glen Foronda +	Estela Foronda
13 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners
5pm	(Canadian Martrys Parish) Domingo Ramos +	Myrna Ramos
14 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mirko & Rosanda Badurina	Kim de Sousa & Family
11 am	Victor Lobo +	D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 14.25-33 – The Cost of Discipleship

Giving the Gift of Ourselves

At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward.

Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

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.*

Parish Life in Motion

From worship to service, here's what's coming up in our vibrant church community.



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: Saturday, **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.

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul — September 26

Join us in celebrating the life and legacy of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of charitable works and service to the poor.

Friday Mass at 7:00 PM Let us gather in prayer and thanksgiving during this special liturgy.

Fellowship to Follow After Mass, all are welcome to stay for a light refreshments. Come share in community and conversation as we honor St. Vincent's spirit of compassion and generosity.



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

**St. Vincent de Paul - Fall
Bundle Up Weekend –
September 27/28**

On the weekend of Sept 27/28, the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, bedding (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 for both Saturday and Sunday.

Invitation to All Children Preparing for Sacraments

Reconciliation • First Eucharist • Confirmation

We warmly invite children to begin preparation for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.**

These sacraments are important steps in growing closer to Jesus and living out our Catholic faith. Preparation will include engaging sessions, prayer, and opportunities for families to journey together in faith.

Who can register?

- Children **enrolled at Holy Cross School**
- Children from **other schools** who are part of our parish community

We'll keep you posted once we have all the details finalized.

June Sunday Collection Report

Date	Category	Amount
Jun 4	Offertory	\$3101.30
	Building Funds	\$944.50
	Pope Pastoral	\$55.00
	Mass/candles/death	\$757.20
Jun11	Offertory	\$3088.90
	Building Funds	\$145.00
	ShareLife	\$3097.60
	Mass & candles	\$305.70
Jun 18	Offertory	\$2115.80
	Building Funds	\$50.00
	ShareLife	\$630.00
	Marygrove	\$1825.00
	Mass/candles/wedding	\$798.90
	Anonymous donor-stained glass repair	\$2900.00
Jun 25	Offertory	\$2080.95
	Building Funds	\$20.00
	Mass & candles	\$277.80
	Claudette Wilson- push bar (main door)	\$3260.00
Jun 29	Bazaar	\$2005.15
	PAG	\$1545.64
	Donate Now	\$1645.05

July Sunday Collection Report

Jul 2	Offertory	\$1981.35
	Building Funds	\$105
	Mass / candles /death/hall	\$934.25
	CWL- push bar (side door)	\$3300.00
Jul 09	Offertory	\$2596.50
	Building Funds	\$714.60
	Mass / candles	\$267.05
Jul 16	Offertory	\$2134.65
	Building Funds	\$105.00
	Mass / candles	\$294.65
Jul 23	Offertory	\$1821.95
	Building Funds	\$20.00
	Mission Co-Op	\$1709.05
	Mass/candles/baptism/hall	\$826.30
Jul 30	Offertory	\$2065.70
	Building Funds	\$205.00
	Mass/candles/baptism	\$237.47
	PAG	\$1535.64
	Donate Now	\$810.85

Special Devotion Candles Sep 9 to 16



In Loving Memory of Raffaele Ruscillo

Requested by Vincenza Ruscillo & Family

"Teach us to trust, to hope, and to love as you did, even in the shadow of loss."



For all Intentions

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

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