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

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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
SEP	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
15 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
16 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
17 Wed, 9am	Glen Foronda +	Pol & Edna Perez
18 Thurs, 9am	3 rd Death anniversary – Desmond Leahy (Canadian Martyrs Parish)	Peggy Leahy & Family
19 9am	Dennis Greene +	Barbara Read
20 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Carolina Bautista + Gregoria Ramos + Vienna Bautista Beth & Connie Escabarte
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
21 Sun, 9am	Michael Angelo Cervantes +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	3 rd Death anniversary Desmond Leahy	Peggy Leahy & Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Gospel: 3:13-17

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

The cross is not just a piece of wood or a religious symbol; it is the greatest declaration of love the world has ever known. From the beginning of time, humanity has struggled with sin, selfishness, and separation from God. We often try to build our own paths toward meaning like, through achievements, wealth, relationships, or recognition, but these roads eventually leave us empty. Into this brokenness, God stepped down, not to condemn, but to save. He chose the way of the cross, a way that reveals how far He is willing to go to rescue us.

The cross was an instrument of pain and shame, yet it became the ultimate sign of hope and victory. In offering His Son, God turned what was a symbol of death into a bridge of life. Think about it: when we were at our worst, God gave His best. He did not wait until humanity was perfect or worthy; He acted in love at our lowest point. This is a love that does not measure, does not calculate, and does not withdraw. It is a love that gives fully, even when it costs everything. The Cross shows us that love is not merely a feeling or a fleeting emotion—it is a decision to give, to sacrifice, and to remain faithful. It is love poured out without condition, without limit, and without regret. In the shadow of the Cross, we see the heart of God laid bare: a love that redeems, heals, and invites us to do the same.

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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.*

Celebrating 97 Years of Faith and Fellowship – Holy Cross Parish Anniversary Tribute

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the 97th anniversary of Holy Cross Parish—a sacred home where generations have gathered in prayer, service, and community. Since its founding in 1928, Holy Cross has stood as a beacon of faith in Toronto, nurturing countless families, guiding hearts through life's milestones, and inspiring acts of love and compassion. We give thanks for the priests, religious, lay leaders, and parishioners—past and present—whose dedication has shaped our parish into the vibrant spiritual family it is today. May this anniversary renew our commitment to Christ and to one another, as we look ahead to our centennial with hope, unity, and joy.

"As we celebrate 97 years of Holy Cross Parish, let us give thanks for the blessings of the past and look forward with hope to the future. May our parish continue to be a place of welcome, worship, and witness to God's love."

Happy 97th Anniversary, Holy Cross Parish! *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."* – Psalm 127:1

Parish Upcoming Events

Sep 10, Wednesday - Holy Cross School Mass at 10:30 am at Holy Cross Parish.

Sep 13, Saturday – Baptism

Valentina Doralba Navarro-Reid and Julian Rafael DaSilva Navarro
Congratulations to Valentina and Julian on this beautiful occasion. May God bless your family with love, grace, and peace as you begin this sacred journey.

Sep 21, Sunday - CWL president Kate O'Quin and vice president Connie Cristinziano of the Toronto Diocese will be at our parish Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am. We are hoping to recruit new members and keep CWL alive in our parish. Light refreshment after both Masses.

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 refreshment. 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.

Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, September 27-28, 2025 Each year, with the generosity of the Catholic faithful from coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue to address pastoral and ethical issues; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogues; international relations; evangelization, faith education, and catechesis; social justice issues; relations with Indigenous peoples; responsible ministry; and the development of a culture of life and family.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on September 27-28, 2025. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support this collection.

Your continued support is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in advancing the CCCB's mission. Your generosity not only sustains its efforts but also fosters a spirit of unity and faith across our communities.



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.

Group photos from our recently concluded *Know Your Faith* gathering. It was a meaningful and inspiring time together, and these snapshots capture the joy, connection, and spirit of the event beautifully.



Special Devotion Candles Sep 16 to 23

Prayers to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Requested by Inconronata Ambrosini

"Watch over our families and strengthen our faith."



For all Intentions

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



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