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Thanksgiving

*For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.*



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
13 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
14 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Connie & Beth Escabarte Canadian Martyrs	Elena Manuel & Family
15 Wed, 9am	Maria Boudreau +	Legion of Mary
16 Thurs, 9am	Maria Ennie Paner + (Canadian Martyrs Parish)	Paner Family
17 9am Fri	Maria Boudreau +	Mila Benedicto
18 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Angela Hawaleshka + Julita Jacinto + Rosita Aloran + (Canadian Martyrs Parish) 5pm Sandra & George Purcell + Therese De Manche Nerissa Jacinto Legion of Mary Margaret Moreau
19 Sun, 9am	All deceased members of the Boudreau Family	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Ronald Skura +	Joan Skura

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Thanksgiving Weekend
Gospel: Luke 17.11-19 – Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

Cultivating Generous Gratitude

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he “prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him.”

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour. With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us.

When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

Summary

The one leper who returned and prostrated himself before Jesus shows us the true model of gratitude towards God and neighbour because it required his effort, time and humility. When thanking God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank Him for the abundant gifts He lavishes upon us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am 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.*



Sacramental Preparation Registration

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Guardians,
This year we are uniting the two schools (Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs) for sacramental catechesis.

Grade 2 First Communion candidates from Holy Cross School and Canadian Martyrs School will come together at **Holy Cross Church Hall** on Sundays after the 11am Mass (12pm-1:30pm).

Grade 7 Confirmation candidates from Holy Cross School and Canadian Martyrs School will come together at **Canadian Martyrs Church Hall** on Saturdays from 3pm-5pm followed by the 5pm Mass. The students will be receiving the registration package at school, please look out for it.

Registration: Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs school Confirmation Saturday Nov. 22 @ 11am-HolyCross Hall	Registration: Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs school 1st Communion Saturday Nov. 22 @3pm-Holy Cross Hall
Requirements: * Baptismal Certificate, must be in Gr.7 or above *Regular attendance at Holy Cross or Canadian Martyrs by child/family * Registration fee: \$75 *Confirmation certificate of the Sponsor * Completed registration form	Requirements: *Baptismal Certificate *Student must be in Gr.2 or above *Regular attendance at Holy Cross or Canadian Martyrs by child/family *Registration fee: \$50 *Completed Registration form

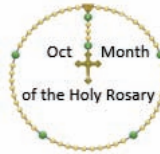
Sacramental Registration Now Open We are now accepting **early registration**. Forms are available on our website: holycrossto.archtoronto.org and registration will remain open **until November 22**. Please visit the site to access and complete your form and drop it off at the parish office or have all your documentation ready at registration. Thank you!



Anonymous Donor Gratitude for a Generous Gift

We are deeply grateful to an anonymous donor who generously contributed \$5,000 to support the FHC/Confirmation program. This incredible gift has allowed us to cover the costs of books and other essential materials for our students.

With the remaining funds, we hope to purchase a projector for Canadian Martyrs. This addition would greatly enhance the teaching and learning experience, making this important faith journey even more meaningful for our students. Thank you once again for your generosity. Your kindness means so much to our catechists and students, providing them with the proper tools to grow in their faith and understanding. May God bless you a thousandfold for your compassion and support.



October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary—a time to reflect on the life of Christ through the eyes of Mary. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our prayer life and grow closer to God through the Rosary.

In honor of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, we will be holding a **Rosary Procession** outside the church on **Friday, October 31**, immediately following the **9:00 AM Mass**. Everyone is invited to join.



October 13, Monday Thanksgiving Day Notice

Please note that there will be **No Mass on Thanksgiving Day**, and the **parish office will be closed**.

We will reopen on **Tuesday, October 14**.

Wishing everyone a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving!



Movement for Marriage Enrichment (MME)

The Movement for Marriage Enrichment (MME) will host a full-day symposium on **Saturday, October 18**, at the **church hall**. Congratulations to all members for staying strong and committed—your dedication continues to inspire and uplift!



Oct 19 World Mission Sunday

There will be a special second collection - **World Mission Sunday**, your generous support helps spread the Gospel and support mission work around the world. Thank you!



Weekend Mass Attendance Survey

A parish survey will be conducted during Masses on **Oct 18–19** and **Oct 25–26**. Thank you for your participation!



October 25, Saturday Altar Server Ceremony at St. Paul's Basilica – 10am Congratulations to the four nominees (**Lulu Labang, William Myo Lat Awng, Seng Ra & Seng San**) and to **Shauna D'Souza**, Head of Altar Servers. We're deeply grateful for your commitment and hard work.



Thank You for Your Generosity

Thank you for your generous donations to last week's SSVP Bundle Up drive. Your kindness will make a real difference—many families will benefit from your support.

Special Devotion Candles Oct 7 to 14



In Loving Memory of Raffaele Ruscillo

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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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