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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: Arlene Martin

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
20 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
21 Tues, 9am	Alfred De Manche+ Canadian Martyrs	Therese De Manche
22 Wed, 9am	Maria Boudreau +	CWL
23 Thurs, 9am	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
24 9am Fri	Michelina Ruscillo +	Ruscillo Family
25 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosita Aloran +	 Mila Benedicto
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
26 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Fred's 40 th Anniversary of Priesthood	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Grace Lobo +	D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – World Mission Sunday
Gospel: Luke 18.1-8 - The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Serving the Hidden Form of Poverty

In 1926, Pope Pius XI declared that the second last Sunday in October would be World Mission Sunday, a day in which the entire Church renews its missionary commitment and prays for the missions. When we think of the missions in the church, we often think about those striving to spread the Gospel in remote areas ravaged by poverty.

How often do we aspire to do great things for the church while neglecting the loneliness experienced by those in our parish communities and homes? This is a question we should prayerfully take to heart and then seek ways to act as loving stewards towards our neighbour. One tremendous, albeit often undervalued, act we can offer someone in need is a genuine smile. St. Teresa of Calcutta exhorts us saying, "let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

From this initial act of love we can begin to offer the gift of our time to others, journeying with them in their trials and suffering. The gift of our time can take the form of visiting the sick in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes or the imprisoned. Moreover, it can also be practiced by going out of our way to speak to parishioners who could use support, whether because of the arrival of a new child, a new job, a death in the family or any other reason.

Summary

When we think of the missions in the church, we often think about those striving to spread the Gospel in remote areas ravaged by poverty. However, in our secular society there is rampant poverty all around us, for according to St. Teresa of Calcutta, "the most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." Let us begin to realize that missionary activity is fostered close to home and begins with a smile that can lead us to generously share our time with the parish community as true stewards of Christ.

<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

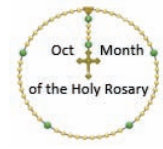
Sacramental Registration Now Open We are now accepting **early registration**. Forms are available on our website: holycrossto.archtoronto.org and registration will remain open **until November 22**. Please visit the site to access and complete your form and drop it off at the parish office or have all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

Special Devotion Candles Oct 14 to 21	
	In Loving Memory of Maria Boudreau Requested by Nelson & Nelia Ducusin "Remembering you with warmth and gratitude."
	Thanksgiving – Karin Doumours Requested by the Altar Servers "It means a lot to us, we are grateful for your time and talent."

	Fellowship & Learning: Sunday Readings Study Facilitator: Therese De Manche Come and join us as we look at Scripture and learn how to hear God's voice. These 2 hour classes are after the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass on October 25, November 1, 8 & 15.
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REPORT TO THE FAITHFUL HOLY CROSS PARISH, TORONTO FOR THE PERIOD OF JAN TO SEP 2025

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
General Receipts		General Payments	
Offerory	\$ 143,185.24	Clergy Salaries & Stipends	\$ 37,439.84
Other Parish Collections	4,544.10	Lay / Musicians Salaries	49,057.26
Christmas and Easter	2,772.00	Lay / Musician Company Services	0.00
Baptisms/Funerals/Marriages	4,853.23	Payroll Remittances	14,480.47
Mass Offerings / Intentions	7,065.00	Office Services / Supplies	4,369.58
Bequests & Legacies	0.00	Mass Facility Rental	0.00
Other Donations	56,890.00	Property Insurance	3,910.80
Rental and Interest Revenue	4,073.40	Utilities - Church	11,605.35
Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, youth)	3,900.00	Repairs & Maintenance	41,582.63
Sundry (admin, subsidy, articles, candles, restricted funds, socials)	54,718.86	Grounds Maintenance/Landscaping	4,926.76
		Traffic Control / Security Service	155.91
		Choir / Music Payments	0.00
		Liturg / Mass Payments	2,779.29
Special Diocesan Collections		Other Church Payments	2,790.64
Canadian Missions	1,345.00	Hall Expenses	0.00
Evangelization of Nations (World Missions)	0.00	Rectory Payments	24,729.37
Humanitarian Relief	0.00	Assessments: clergy health & retirement, diocesan, chaplaincy	25,927.40
Marygrove Camp	1,835.00	Parish Programs (charity, faith formation, sacramental prep, volunteering, youth)	513.48
		Sundry (admin, articles/candles, professional fees, rental, restricted, socials, staff training)	30,576.31
Mission Co-Op	1,709.05		
Needs of Canadian Church (Bishops' Collection)	150.30	Special Diocesan Collections Disbursed	21,121.90
Needs of Church in Holy Land (Good Friday)	2,501.30		
Pope's Pastoral Works	1,444.70	Other Payments	
ShareLife	14,441.85	Principal loan repayments	0.00
Shepherds' Trust	0.00	Interest Payments on Loans	0.00
Other	0.00	New Investments Purchased	47,848.37
		Property Additions / Restorations	35,513.03
Other Receipts		Furnishings / Equipment	12,152.76
New loans	0.00		
Investments withdrawn	57,240.00	Total Payments for the Period	371,481.15
Sale of parish assets	0.00		
		Ending cash balance	42,373.51
Total Receipts for the Period	362,669.03	Transfers Out to other parish bank accounts	0.00
Opening cash balance	49,570.31		
Transfers in from other parish bank accounts	0.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 412,239.34
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 413,854.66

	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.
	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.

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