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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT/NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
27 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
28 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
29 Wed, 9am	18 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Audrey Jacinto	Nerissa Jacinto
30 Thurs, 9am	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
31 9am Fri	Birthday Thanksgiving – Connie & Beth Escabarte	Elena, Ligaya & Jenny Manuel
Nov 1 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Domingo Enriquez + Carolina Bautista +	 Enriquez Family Vienna Bautista
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
2 Sun, 9am	Clare Elizabeth Nunez +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	All deceased members of Manuel Family	Elena Manuel & Family



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 yo.*

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14 - *The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

Imitating the Blessed

This upcoming week the Church will be celebrating the great solemnity of All Saints Day. The beauty of this solemnity lies in the vast diversity of all those who've gone before us. The heavenly courts are made up of patriarchs, martyrs, doctors, monks, virgins, priests, laity and more, all dwelling in unity. We can ask ourselves, what is a unifying attribute that ties all these saints together?

One such attribute is the generous stewardship of their particular gifts for the glory of God and the good of the Church. God does not want us all to be martyrs, or monks, or virgins, but He asks all of us to faithfully use the gifts given to us to live out the Gospel message as best as we can.

For example, if the Lord has gifted us with a musical ability, we should try to share that with our parish community by joining the choir. Likewise, if we have the gift of gentleness and care, we should seek ministries that serve the poor, the sick and the elderly. The same can be said of any gift that we possess from God. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that “if we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them generously to serve others, and in so doing give glory to God.” How deeply do we live out this message from Cardinal Collins? Let us challenge ourselves to imitate the saints and seek to serve God through the particular talents He has graciously bestowed on us.

Summary

As we celebrate All Saint's Day this week we notice that one attribute that unites all the saints is their generous stewardship of their particular gifts for the glory of God and the Church. God does not want us all to be martyrs, or monks, or virgins, but He asks all of us to faithfully use the gifts given to us to live out the Gospel message as best as we can. Let us challenge ourselves to imitate the saints and seek to serve God through the particular talents He has graciously bestowed on us.

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



Sacramental Preparation Registration

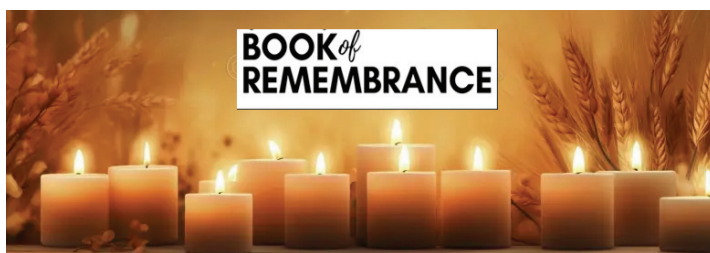
Dear Parishioners, Parents and Guardians,
This year we are uniting the two schools (Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs) for sacramental catechesis.

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. For more information, please contact our LPA, Maria Agovino, who is overseeing all sacramental programs. She can be reached at catechistme@protonmail.com. Thank you!



Book of Remembrance

For the month of November, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, whom you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance. We inscribe their names as a tribute to their lives, their faith, and their lasting presence in our hearts. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Let us continue to pray for them and honor their memory with love and gratitude. Envelopes are also available where you may include the names of deceased loved ones along with an offertory donation.

Mass schedules	
Sat, Nov 1 All Saint's Day	
Holy Cross	9am & 7pm
Canadian Martyrs	10am & 5pm
Sun, Nov 2 All Soul's Day	9 & 11am Mass
Fri, Nov 14 In Loving Memory	7pm Mass
In Loving Memory - We remember and pray for all the faithful departed parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. May their souls rest in peace and their memory live on in our heart.	

	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!
	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.

Special Devotion Candles Oct 21 to 28	
	In Loving Memory of Maria Boudreau Requested by Joan Bolanos "Your spirit lives on in every cherished – memory every story shared, and every quiet moment of reflection."
	In Loving Memory of Domingo Enriquez Requested by Enriquez Family "Your kindness, laughter, and love will live on in all who knew you."

	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 hours classes are after the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass on October 25, November 1, 8 + 15.
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	RED WEDNESDAY 2025 November 19 – Red Wednesday: United for Persecuted Christians because religious freedom is not a privilege — it is a human right! This event will be held on Wednesday, November 19. All are welcome to attend Mass for Red Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., presided over by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Red Wednesday shines a light on the persecution and injustice faced by Christians worldwide, while also promoting respect and tolerance among all faiths. It is a call to stand up for your faith, and for religious freedom everywhere. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw . Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416)
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