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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>		
NOV	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
17 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
18 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
19 Wed, 9am	Rosemarie Villote +	Ninfa Gasis
20 Thurs, 9am	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
21 Fri 9am	Cesar, alfredo, Loreto & Miguel Mahia	Grace Mahia
22 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Maria & Emmanuel Lopez Sr. + Leland Tulio +	 Jennifer Trelle
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	Fannie Baldomar
23 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Cecelia Celestine	Cecelia Celestine
11 am	Millie (Mildred) Hynes +	Frank Robbins

Sunday Gospel Reflection

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor
Gospel: Luke 21.5-19 - The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

Contemplating Life and Death

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** asserts that “the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities.”

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that, “we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need.”

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love and worship God and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

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 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.

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!

For further information regarding **sacramental preparations**, please feel free to **Email: catechistme@protonmail.com** or **leave a voicemail**. Our **Lay Pastoral Associate, Maria Agovino**, will be happy to receive your questions and assist you with the process. Thank you for your interest and commitment to the faith journey!



2026 Sunday Donation Envelopes

We are preparing the 2026 Sunday envelopes. A printed list is at the church entrance: Check your name if you wish to continue receiving envelopes. Put an X if you do not. You may also email holycrossto@archtoronto.org with your full details to request envelopes. Even if you donate occasionally and are registered elsewhere, providing your contact info ensures you receive a **tax receipt**.

Ways to Give – Sunday Donations

In-Person: Drop your envelope in the collection basket during Mass.
Online Giving: Visit our parish website to donate securely anytime.
Pre-Authorized Debit: Set up automatic monthly contributions
Mail-In: Send your donation to the parish office

Special Devotion Candles Nov 11 to 18

In Loving Memory of Andrea Dubois-Snow

Requested by Martina Dubois & Family

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord.... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds follow them." — Revelation 14:13

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.



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. Envelopes are also available where you may include the names of deceased loved ones along with an offertory donation

The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, November 15/16, 2025

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so that elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please visit: www.shepherdstrust.org



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is preparing for our annual Christmas Gift Drive, which brings toys and treats to families in need in our

parish. If your family could use some help this Christmas, please register by Nov 16 by calling the parish office at (416) 421-5225 (message option 3). A volunteer will return your call.





Come one, come all to a festive day of flavors, fun, and fantastic finds!. Join us for our
FOOD BAZAAR & VINTAGE HUNTING
a celebration of community, culture and great deals.
Date: Nov 30, 2025
Time: 10am to 2pm
Location: Holy Cross Church Hall
Food Highlights: Delicious meals. Choose from combo meals or solo dishes. Indulge in baked goods, featuring Pan de Coco. Local favorites and international flavors
Vintage Hunting: great bargains and hidden gems
Plus: Music, mingling, and a joyful atmosphere. Perfect for families, friends, and curious shoppers - come and celebrate with us.
100% of the proceeds from this event will go directly to the Church Operation Account to support our parish maintenance and upkeep. Your participation helps preserve our space for worship, community and future gatherings.





Thank You! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and brought food to Fr. Fred's 68th birthday celebration last

Saturday, Nov 8. The potluck gathering was a joyful occasion, shared and enjoyed by many. Your presence and generosity made it truly special!

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