



# H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H

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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>                    |                                                                                 |                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| DEC                                           | MASS FOR                                                                        | REQUESTED BY                                                  |
| 1<br>Mon, 9am                                 | NO MASS                                                                         |                                                               |
| 2<br>Tues, 9am                                | <b>Canadian Martyrs</b>                                                         |                                                               |
| 3<br>Wed, 9am                                 | Maria De Manche +                                                               | Patrick & Carmel Galvin                                       |
| 4<br>Thurs, 9am                               | <b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b>                                                |                                                               |
| 5<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> ) Fri 9am<br>6pm<br>7pm | Maxima Tampis +<br>Holy Hour<br>Birthday Thanksgiving –<br>Ashley Kelly         | Mila Benedicto<br><br>Manuel Family                           |
| 6<br>Sat, 9am<br><br>5pm                      | All Parishioners<br>Maria Ennie Paner +<br><br><b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b> | .....<br>Paner Family                                         |
| 7<br>Sun, 9am<br><br>11 am                    | Thanksgiving Gene & Vivian<br>Beltijar<br><br>Mike & Cesina Pulla +             | Gene & Vivian<br>Beltijar<br><br>Adriana Cammisa<br>& Family` |
|                                               |                                                                                 |                                                               |

**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
1st Sunday of Advent  
Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44 - The Necessity for Watchfulness

## Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

## Summary

Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

<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.*



await the coming of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Lord God, as we light the first candle of Advent, we open our hearts to Your promise. Fill us with hope as we



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE



|                                 |                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Friday | 9am Mass<br>6pm Holy Hour<br>7pm Mass                                                                                    |
| Dec 8, Monday                   | 9am Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception                                                                        |
| Dec 12, Friday                  | 9:30 to 12 noon<br>Holy Cross School Advent Confessions<br>With Fr. Fred, Fr. Roshan, Fr. Ernie, Fr. Eric and Fr. Egbert |
|                                 | 6pm to 7pm<br>Holy Cross Parish Advent Confessions<br>With Fr. Fred & Fr. Egbert                                         |
| Dec 15 to 23                    | 7pm Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)<br>The traditional nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas begins.          |
| Dec 24 Wednesday                | 9am Mass<br>9:30pm Christmas Eve Mass                                                                                    |
| Dec 25 Thursday                 | 9am & 11am Christmas Day Mass                                                                                            |
| Dec 31 Wednesday                | 9am Mass<br>7pm New Year's Eve Mass                                                                                      |
| Jan 1 Thursday                  | 9am & 11am New Year's Day Mass                                                                                           |

### Special Devotion Candles Nov 25 to Dec 2



#### Prayers for Healing – Catherine Taylor

Requested by the Doumouras Family  
"May Your light bring her hope, healing, and comfort."



#### 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.



Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul

It is the time of the year! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again holding its annual Christmas gift drive for the children

in need within our parish and community. A Christmas tree will be placed in the front foyer adorned with Christmas tags during the weekend of Nov 16 and Nov 23. Unwrapped gift should be returned on Nov 30 and handed to our volunteers. We also need help for our Christmas wrapping on Dec 6 Saturday from 9 to 12 noon. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



You are warmly invited to join a **Pilgrimage to Poland and Medjugorje** under the spiritual leadership of **Father Godofredo R. Claudio**, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Toronto.

**Dates:** September 15 – 25,

2026 (11 days)

**Cost:** \$4,890.00 (Toronto departure, inclusive of all taxes & tips)

**Tour Co-ordinator:** Ms. Claudette Wilson

This journey offers a profound opportunity to deepen your faith while visiting sacred sites and experiencing the rich spiritual heritage of Poland and Medjugorje. We encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us on this meaningful pilgrimage. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Ms. Claudette Wilson.



The sessions for Confirmation candidates began on November 29 at Canadian Martyrs Church. Let us keep these candidates in our prayers, asking that the Holy Spirit guide them and fill their hearts as they learn and grow in faith.



### 2026 Sunday Donation Envelopes

We are preparing the 2026 Sunday envelopes. You may email [holycrosssto@archtoronto.org](mailto:holycrosssto@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**. **Important Notice: We reassigned some individual envelope numbers and assigned envelope numbers to new members**

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