



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

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**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday to Thursday  
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***Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor***

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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

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
8 Mon, 9am	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception	
9 Tues, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
10 Wed, 9am	Cristita Benedicto +	Mila Benedicto
11 Thurs, 9am	<b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b>	
12 Fri 9am	Mary Ann Nealon +	Barbara Read
13 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rodolfo B. Montille +	..... Galla Bertoia
5pm	<b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b> Thanksgiving – Edwin & Winnie Villamayor & Family	Monica Sigue
14 Sun, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Katharina Doumoras	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Telesfora Gutierrez Cabusas+	The Ybarola Family

## Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist

### A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.



### *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.*

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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



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Despite the challenging weather, our Food Bazaar and Vintage Hunting event was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who contributed with generosity, time, and joyful participation. We are deeply grateful for the

support that continues to strengthen our parish family. We are delighted to share that our recent Food Bazaar raised a net total of **\$1,670.35**. All proceeds will go directly to the church operations account to support the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our parish.

Here are some photos to cherish, capturing the joy and camaraderie of our parish community.



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection** will be held the weekend of **Dec 21**.

This special collection funds the work of our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree program. Please use the St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection envelopes left in the pews for this purpose. **Tax receipts for donations greater than \$ 20 will be issued.** On behalf of our neighbors in need, the Society thanks you for your generosity and kindness during this special season.



The **first session and enrolment ceremony for Confirmation** was held last Saturday at Canadian Martyrs Church for both Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs candidates. It was a solemn and meaningful celebration presided over by **Fr. Godofredo Claudio**, together with the candidates, their parents, and catechists led by LPA Maria Agovino. Let us continue to keep these young candidates in our prayers as they begin their journey of faith and learning.

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

#### Special Devotion Candles Dec 2 to 9



##### In Loving Memory of Michelina Ruscillo

Requested by: Vincenza Ruscillo & Family  
"Your legacy of love and strength will continue to inspire us every day."



##### Prayers for Healing – Luis Cervantes Sr.

Requested by: Marie Cervantes  
"May he feel Your loving presence and be restored in body, mind, and spirit."



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