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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>		
DEC/JAN	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
29 9am	NO MASS	
30 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
31 Wed 9am 7pm	Maria & Joao Estrela + All Parishioners	Hortencia Estrela
Jan 1 Thurs, 9am 11am	Prayers for Peace Prayers for Mancini Family (living & deceased)	Incoronata Ambrosini Angela Mancini & Family
2 1 st Fri 9am 6pm 7pm	All Parishioners Holy Hour All Parishioners	
3 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners 99 Birthday Thanksgiving – Shirley Dillon (Canadian Martyrs Parish) Claudette Wilson
4 Sun, 9am 11 am	Michelina Ruscillo + Thanksgiving – Darcy D’Souza	Vincenza Ruscillo & Family D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
 Feast of the Holy Family
 Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 - The Flight to Egypt

A Family built on Stewardship

This Sunday's great solemnity invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Holy Family. Pope Paul VI says that the Holy Family should "serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing."


What is a community of love and sharing but one rich with stewardship. We should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family. Not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another.

A tangible practice we can adopt is being faithful to the family dinner, a dinner without external distractions like the television or radio in the background. This involves being totally present to those in our family which can help begin to alleviate the rampant loneliness that ravages our culture. We can then move outwards and be stewards of our time with our second family, our parish community. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

Summary


On this solemnity we are reminded that we should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family, not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

<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.*



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Dec 31 Wednesday	9am Mass 7pm New Year's Eve Mass
Jan 1 Thursday	9am & 11am New Year's Day Mass
Jan 2 (1 st) Fri	9am Mass 6pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass
Happy Holidays! Office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 6.	



"Reminder to all parents of First Holy Communion Candidates: January 4, 11 am (Mass) Enrolment Ceremony at Holy Cross Parish. Please be at the Church, with your child, no later than 10:40 am"

Special Devotion Candles Dec 23 to 30

	<p>Thanksgiving – Madeline Dawson Requested by Julia Geekie Thank You for the gift of life, health, family, and friends.</p>
	<p>Birthday Thanksgiving – Mila Benedicto Requested by Ducusin Family "To someone who brings so much joy and positivity to everyone around them. May this year be your best one yet!"</p>

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND MEDJUGORJE

Under the spiritual leadership of Father Godofredo R. Claudio Pastor Holy Cross Parish, Toronto
 Tour Co-ordinator: Ms. Claudette Wilson
 A **\$100.00 bonus incentive** will be given to anyone who books this trip by **January 15, 2026.**
 For details, please contact **Henry Rousseau** at **Heritage Tours.**



Ways to Give – Sunday Donations

In-Person: Place your envelope in the collection basket during Mass.

Online Giving: Visit our parish website to donate securely anytime.

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Mail-In: Send your donation directly to the parish office.

★ *If you donate occasionally and are registered with another parish, please provide your contact information so we can ensure you receive a tax receipt.*

Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio
New Year's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2026 FORGIVENESS
&
RECONCILIATION



My dear parishioners:

May all of us have a peaceful New Year. A Year marked by **forgiveness and reconciliation**. Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but there is peace when everything is in order, when there is harmony and mutual understanding, when there is serenity. Peace, therefore involves a call to reconciliation with God and with our community. And peace is maintained when we respect each other in our family and in our community, and all other people in the world.

And so, in order to have peace and harmony in our community, always make yourself felt by your family, friends and other people. May they always see the good works you do, and let your love be felt by everyone. But most especially, be willing to listen lovingly and not criticize them. May this New Year be a beginning of a New Era wherein we are seen and touched by others as ministers of God's love to everyone. May God's Peace always remain in our hearts forever.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



We are delighted to share this beautiful photo of **Missionary Families of Christ Handmaids Central** with Fr. Fred during their recent prayer meeting assembly. Thanks to the Handmaids of Christ for bringing the prayer meeting to **Holy Cross Church**. "Your presence and devotion strengthen the bonds of fellowship and deepen the spirit of faith within the community. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact **Elaine Shaver** for more information.



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