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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>		
JAN	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
19 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
20 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
21 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Mila Benedicto	Fe & Vinda Olase
22 Thurs, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
23 Fri 9am	Thanksgiving – Maiya & Matteia Benedicto	Fe & Vinda Olase
24 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Jennifer Anne Ducisin Ducisin Family
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
25 Sun, 9am	Saturnina Quinto +	Ducisin Family
11 am	Rosita Jala +	Ybarola Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: John 1.29-34 – The Lamb of God

Playing our Part in the Church

Even in today's short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of St. John the Baptist. John used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ?

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship."

As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. Secondly, by prayerfully examining our talents, let us seek groups or ministries in the parish in which we can give our gifts

back to God. We don't need to be intimidated if we feel we cannot do great things for our parish, for all of us has a role to play. Let us conclude today's reflection by pondering the following words of encouragement by St. Teresa of Calcutta. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Summary

St. John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. Likewise, Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude." Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards by offering our gifts back to God and our parish community.

<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.*

Special Announcement

We would like to inform you that our pastor, Fr. Fred, will be on holiday starting January 6 to February 6—a much-needed rest, especially now that he is overseeing two parishes. During his absence, **Fr. Nabine Djore** and **Fr. Luis Melo** will be assisting us in celebrating the Masses at both Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs. We sincerely appreciate their support and thank them in advance. We look forward to their guidance during this period.



2025 Income Tax Receipts.

We are pleased to inform you that the **2025 tax receipts** are currently being processed. They will be mailed before the end of the month. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported and participated in

our fundraising efforts, and to those who continue to be a pillar of our parish. Your generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated and we thank you for your ongoing support.



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.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Set up automatic monthly contributions for convenience.

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.



Communion to the Sick and Homebound

If any parishioners are unable to attend Mass due to illness or are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office at **416-421-5225** or email holycrosssto@archtoronto.org.



A special thank you to our parishioners who, anonymously in one way or another, have helped in the reconstruction of Canadian Martyrs—whether through financial support, labour, or material donations. A heartfelt acknowledgment to **Maria Santelices**, who generously donated her late husband Bill's tools, which will be of great use to Canadian Martyrs.



We also extend our gratitude to **Danny Selga** who continues to lend a helping hand to our custodian from time to time, assisting with handy work and helping keep our church clean.



General Thank You to Our Parishioners

As we look back, 2025 seems to have gone by in a blur. Thank you for sharing both the good and the difficult moments with us. Your presence, your prayers, and your

unwavering support have carried our community through every season.

Quarterly Report (October–December)

	Oct	Nov	Dec
Offertory (Building funds/candles)	13,791.50	11,723.50	23,500.95
Christmas/New Year Collection			5,538.85
Special Collection	1,160.20 Bishop's Collection	3,567.65 Shepherds' Trust	
Baptism/Funeral/Marriage	550.00	350.00	0.00
Mass Intentions	405	1200.00	1,300.00
Hall Revenue	300	0.00	0.00

Thank you for your generous donations. Your support helps our church with ongoing upkeep and maintenance, and we are truly grateful for your continued commitment to our community.



The CWL is hosting a Sunday Pancake Brunch on February 15 (Sunday) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We'd love for you to join us. Details to follow.

Special Devotion Candles Jan 13 to 20



Thanksgiving – Sandy Mouessaty & Family

Requested by: Mouessaty Family

"Your kindness, warmth, and generosity have touched our hearts."



For all Intentions

This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is being offered for all the intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.



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 (416-467-0720)

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