



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

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## Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday  
9:00 am to 4:00pm

**Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor**

**Maria Agovino, LPA Holy Cross Parish & Canadian Martyrs Parish**

**Joan Bolanos, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper**

**Enrique De Leon - Custodian**

## 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>		
JAN/FEB	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
26 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
27 Tues, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
28 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fe & Vinda Olase	Fe & Vinda Olase
29 Thurs, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
30 Fri 9am	Thanksgiving – Fe & Vinda Olase	Elena & Ligaya Manuel
31 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Cornelio Cartago +	..... Nenita Cabahug & Family
5pm	<b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b>	
Feb 1 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Cervantes sons & grandchildren	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Adela Cabusas +	Ybarola Family

**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23 – Jesus Begins His Ministry & Calls the First Disciples

## Heeding the Call of Christ

“Come, follow me.” This is the beautiful invitation Jesus extends to His first disciples in the Gospel today. How often do we hear those same words, “come, follow me,” in our own lives? The Lord is constantly calling us to follow Him. By reflecting on today’s Gospel we can learn how we too can heed the call.

Firstly, it is important to remember that Jesus says to Peter and Andrew, “I will make you fishers of people.” Jesus calls them to mission. So too, Jesus calls us to mission as well, the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. The Gospel records that when the disciples were called, they “immediately left their nets and followed him. They saw in Christ all fulfillment and so followed him immediately. We should strive to imitate this eagerness in following Christ, for the Lord doesn’t want us to delay the plans He has in store for us.

Lastly, whenever we feel unworthy of the call of following Christ as stewards, we can take great consolation in the fact that Jesus chose lowly, uneducated fisherman for His first apostles. It is famously said that God doesn’t call the qualified, but qualifies the called. If the Lord calls us to a certain mission, He will sustain us through that mission as well. So let us strive to heed the call of Christ and begin to follow Him, the one in whom all our fulfillment is found.

## Summary

Just as He called His apostles, Jesus says to us, “come, follow me.” Jesus calls us to accept the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. Let us imitate the apostles and follow the call of Christ immediately, being resolved to commit to a stewardship way of life for our parishes.

<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.

## Upcoming Schedules

Feb 6 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Friday	9am Mass 6pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass
Feb 15 Sunday	Pancake Sunday
Feb 18 Wednesday Ash Wednesday	9am Mass 10:30am Holy Cross School Mass 7pm Mass

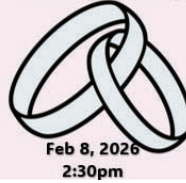


The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a delightful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 15, 2026, in the Parish Hall. The breakfast menu includes not only delicious pancakes but also sausages, orange juice, fruits, and coffee. There will be two seating times available for attendees, one starting at 10:00 AM and the other at 12:00 noon. Tickets for this event can be purchased on the weekend by visiting our table in the narthex. Don't miss out on this lovely community gathering and the chance to enjoy a wonderful meal!



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)

## Marriage Sunday



**Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau.** As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



For our Sunday FHC session, let us include the children in our prayers as they prepare for this

journey.

## Special Devotion Candles Jan 20 to 27

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle. To book a candle, please call or email the office. Monthly offerings will be posted on our web and Facebook page.



## In Loving Memory of

**Ildiko Andrea Maria Vargha**

Requested by Karin Doumouras

"Though your time with us was far too brief, the light you brought remains."



## Thanksgiving – Myrna Ramos & Mila Valencia

Requested by Claudette Wilson

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