



# 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*

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*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.

**Holy Cross School** **Phone:** 416-393-5242

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

**Principal:** Arlene Martin

Mass Intentions		
Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
9 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
10 Tues, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
11 Wed, 9am	Angelo Nunno +	Teresa Nunno & Family
12 Thurs, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
13 Fri, 9am	Cynthia Dawson +	Lorraine Dawson
14 Sat, 9am  5pm	All Parishioners  <b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b>	.....
15 Sun, 9am  11 am	Jovita C. Montille +  Barbara Crisp +	Galla Bertoia  Joan Skura



### 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.*

## Meditate on God's Word



### Sunday Gospel Reflection

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 - Salt and Light

#### The Light of Stewardship

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, "from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn't be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matt 5:16).

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve."

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we're on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanor as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

#### Summary

We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve." Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanor as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others and welcome them into the parish in a spirit of true hospitality?

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

**Welcome Back, Fr. Fred** We joyfully welcome Fr. Fred back to our parish community and look forward to celebrating the liturgy and parish life with him once again. Please join us in offering him a warm and prayerful welcome. We would also like to thank Fr. Nabine Djore and Fr. Luis Melo who assisted us in celebrating the Masses at both Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs during Father Fred's absence. We sincerely appreciate their support and thank them for their guidance during this period.

### 2025 Income Tax Receipts

We are pleased to inform you that the 2025 income tax receipts have been processed. You will receive your receipt by mail within the month of February. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### Upcoming Schedules

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)

#### Special Devotion Candles Feb 3 to 10

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.



##### In Loving Memory of Lydia Bonza

Requested by: Robelyn Parreno & friends

"Our friendship does not end here; it lives on in memory and love."



##### For all Intentions

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

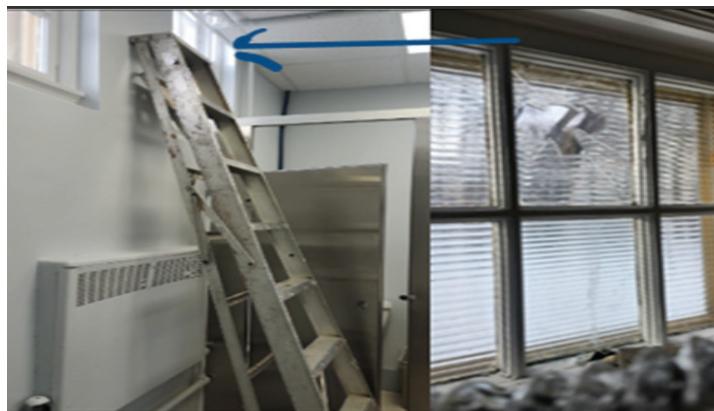


#### Ash Wednesday – Beginning Our Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. During the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the faithful receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of repentance and a reminder of our call to turn away from sin and embrace the Gospel.

Lent is a season of reflection, sacrifice, and renewal. We encourage all parishioners to enter this time with open hearts—seeking reconciliation, strengthening their prayer life, and offering acts of charity to those in need.

May this sacred season draw us closer to Christ and to one another as a community of faith.



#### Incident of Vandalism at Our Church

It is with sadness that we share news of another incident of vandalism on our church property. In the early morning of January 30, 2026, while our custodian, Rico, was completing his routine rounds in the church hall, he discovered damage in the men's washroom located in the basement. Upon opening the door, a squirrel jumped out, and further inspection revealed that a window had been broken, allowing the animal to enter.

We are grateful to Rico for his attentiveness and quick response. He placed a temporary cover over the broken window using a piece of plywood. We will continue to take steps to ensure the safety and security of our parish facilities.

We have reported the incident to the police, and an incident number has been issued for further investigation. Our church has been vandalized three times within a span of two months: December 8 and 25, 2025, and most recently on January 30, 2026. We ask for your continued prayers for the protection of our church community.

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