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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

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Feb	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
16 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
17 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
18 Ash Wed 9am 7pm	Bernardo & Concepcion Ducusin All Parishioners	Ducusin Family
19 Thurs, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
20 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Ninfa Gasis	Eric Pulongbarit
21 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Peter & Olivia Geekie Mike Zdebiak + Michael Marzan + (Canadian Martyrs Parish) Julia Geekie Joanne Zdebiak Jasmine & Reuel Balane & Family
22 Sun, 9am 11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Tirzah Celestine Maria Barrios +	Cecelia Celestine Ybarola Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37 – Various Teachings of Jesus

Going the Extra Mile

In today's Gospel we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in the Cardinal's exhortation is "increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Summary

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible

<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.*



Ash Wednesday

— SCHEDULE —

Feb 18, 2026

Holy Cross Church

9am Mass

10:30am - school Mass

7pm Mass

Canadian Martyrs Church

9am Mass

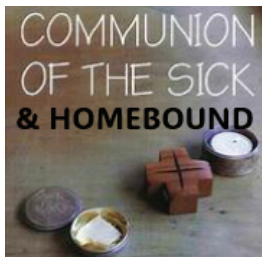
12:30pm - school Mass

Ashes will be distributed at each of these events.



Join us as we gather each Friday during Lent to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus. This beautiful Lenten devotion will

take place at **7pm in the church** throughout the season.



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.

Special Devotion Candles Feb 10 to 17

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 Margaret Mitchell

Requested by: Kim de Sousa

"Mother for a life devoted to family. Out of sight but always in our hearts."

In Loving Memory of Aris Doumouras

Requested by: Karin Doumouras

"A beloved soul who brought light and love into our lives."



For those who have not yet picked up their Sunday envelopes, please kindly do so. The envelopes are available at the back of the church. As we prepare for

the Lenten season, **all remaining envelopes will be removed after next week**. If you still need your envelopes or have any questions, please contact the parish office at **416-421-5525** or email holycrosssto@archtoronto.org.



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.*



If you are new to the parish, we warmly invite you to join our parish community.

We would be delighted to welcome you, get to know you, and help you feel at home here at Holy Cross. Please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket.

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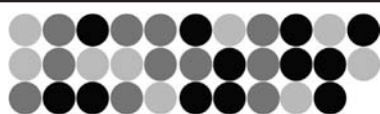


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