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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> | | |
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| Mar | MASS FOR | REQUESTED BY |
| 16 Mon, 9am | NO MASS | |
| 17 Tues, 9am | Canadian Martyrs | |
| 18 Wed, 9am | Filipino Olase + | Fe & Vinda Olase |
| 19 Thurs, 9am | Canadian Martyrs | |
| 20 Fri, 9am | Thanksgiving – Eric & Angelo John Pulongbarit | Ninfa Gasis |
| 21 Sat, 9am | All Parishioners Mercedes Olase + Joe Steinfeld+ Prayers for healing – Lena Steinfeld Ralph Koch + (Canadian Martyrs Parish) | Fe & Vinda Olase Ducusin Family Ducusin Family Mercy Lopez |
| 5pm | | |
| 22 Sun, 9am | Suresh Alfred + | Angela Alfred |
| 11 am | Grace Lobo + | D'Souza Family |

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
4th Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 9.1-41 – *Jesus Heals a Blind Man*

True Recovery of Sight

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

Summary

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

<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.*



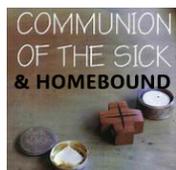
LENTEN SCHEDULE

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| Stations of the Cross | Fridays, 7pm Mar 13, 20 27 |
| Lenten Confession | Holy Cross School Wed, Mar 25 9:45am -12noon at the school premises. With Fr. Fred, Fr. Eric, Fr. Nabine, Fr. Rosan & Fr. Francis Holy Cross Church – Wed, Mar 25 6 – 7pm With Fr. Fred and Fr. Nabine |
| Palm Sunday Mar 29 | Regular weekend services 9am & 11am Blessing of Palms at all Masses |
| Holy Thursday Apr 2 | No 9am Mass 7pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper Adoration until 10pm |
| Good Friday Apr 3 | No 9am Mass 12noon & 3pm Liturgy of the Passion of Christ 4pm - Divine Mercy Novena 7pm – Stations of the Cross |
| Holy Saturday Apr 4 | No 9am Mass 7pm – Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunday Apr 5 | Regular weekend services 9am & 11am |
| Easter Monday Apr 6 | No 9am Mass Office is closed |

Congratulations on the Successful Confirmation!

Congratulations to all the candidates on their beautiful and faith-filled Confirmation ceremony held last Friday, March 13, at Canadian Martyrs. We are grateful to everyone who helped make the celebration meaningful and memorable. We will be sharing some photos in the next parish bulletin. Let us continue to pray for these young people as they deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in His love.

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 holycross@archtoronto.org

4th Sunday of Lent – Short Reflection

This Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare Sunday*, invites us to pause and rejoice as we journey toward Easter. Today’s Gospel tells of Jesus healing the man born blind, revealing Himself as the **Light of the world** and reminding us that God often works where we least expect. The readings challenge us to look beyond outward appearances and allow Christ to open our eyes to His presence in our daily lives. As the Lord chose David for his heart, not his appearance, we too are called to see with faith. May this Sunday fill us with renewed hope and deeper trust in the One who guides and restores us.

Soup Night



Soup Night – March 27 Everyone is warmly invited to join us for **Soup Night** immediately following the **Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 27.**

Come share a simple meal, enjoy fellowship, and spend time together in community as we continue our Lenten journey. We hope to see you there!



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 Mar 10 - 17

The two devotion candles for this week have been booked by **Kim de Sousa** in loving memory of her mother, **Margaret Mitchell.**



In Loving Memory of Margaret Mitchell

Requested by: Kim de Sousa

"With gratitude for her life, her faith, and the love she shared so generously."



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.

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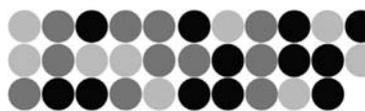
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