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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>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
4 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
5 Tues, 9am	Sofronio & Carolina Bautista+ Julio Enriquez +	Vienna Bautista Enriquez Family
6 Wed, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel	Fe & Vinda Olase
7 Thurs, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
8 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel	Fe & Vinda Olase
9 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Therese De Manche Thanksgiving – Caroline Manrique-Nigro Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel Mike & Cesina Pulla + Elsa Ramos + Enriqueta Sarmiento + Canadian Martyrs Therese De Manche Cora Manrique Nelson & Nelia Ducusin Adriana Cammisa Legion of Mary Carina Sarmiento
10 Sun, 9am	Raffaele Ruscillo +	Vincenza Ruscillo & Family
11 am	Thanksgiving – Alexander & Theresa D’Souza	D’Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



5th Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 14.1-12 - *Jesus the Way to the Father*

Exercising our Priestly Call

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).


What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary


The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

<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.*

A Day with Mary – Registration is now open

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating a “Day with Mary” on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children’s catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all.



Join the Kolbe ‘KNOW YOUR FAITH’ series for 4 Tuesdays: 7–9 p.m. on MAY 5, 12, --- 26 + JUNE 2nd as we encounter Christ in the unique ‘GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN’ through teaching, meditation and DVD.

Enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God’s merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board for more information.

Marygrove & Camp Ozanam Announcement

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting applications for girls and boys interested in attending our overnight camps who, due to circumstances, would not otherwise have an opportunity to do so. Both camps provide a fully subsidized camp opportunity (no fees). Transportation is available at a designated location to/from each camp.

Marygrove Camp welcomes girls ages 5-13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay.

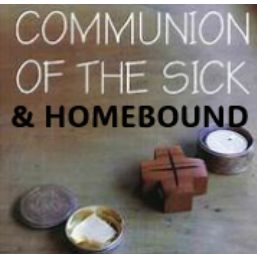
Camp Ozanam welcomes boys, ages 7-12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, telephone number, child’s name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.



St. Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle Up Weekend – May 16/17.

On the weekend of May 16/17, The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, beddings (any condition), drapery, towels, toys (new only). **We DON’T accept:** Baby items, construction materials, furniture, books, dishes.

A member of the society will be at the truck and ready to assist you between 9 am to 6 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.



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.



Crowning of Mary

**Sunday, May 10
during the 11:00am
Holy Mass**

This special Marian celebration honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Queen and Mother. We welcome everyone to come and share in prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving. Bring a flower to place at Mary’s feet.

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful occasion with you.





We are pleased to invite you to become part of the *Legion of Mary*, an apostolic association of lay Catholics who strive to serve the Church under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer and active works.

Our weekly meetings are held on **Saturday at 11:00am in the church hall** Guests are always welcome to attend and learn more about the

Legion’s mission and spirituality. For more information, please contact Teresita Felonia 647-528-8864 or Elena Manuel 416-878-9272 We hope you can join us. May God bless you always.



Mother’s Day flowers – The CWL will be giving flowers to mothers during the weekend of May 10 for all Masses. It’s a beautiful way to honor and appreciate the special women in the community.

Special Devotion Candle Apr 28 to May 5	
Thanksgiving – Fr. Roselle Azares	
Requested by: Claudette Wilson	
	“I am truly thankful for your friendship and spiritual leadership.”
Special Devotion Candle Apr 28 to May 5	
For all Intentions	
	This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is being offered for all the intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Learn about: Funeral and burial options/Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones. Catholic teachings on cremation/Flexible payment options (including 0% financing options)

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill Saturday May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM - You must RSVP to attend at 905-889- 7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

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