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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.

Holy Cross School

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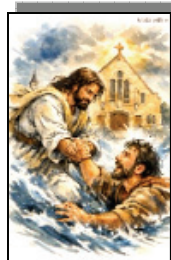
Principal:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Aug	Mass for	Requested by
1 st Saturday, Aug 1	9:00am All Parishioners Eileen De Manche + Harry Freel + Apolonio Castillo + Thanksgiving – Fr. Godofredo Claudio's 41 st priest anniversary	Therese De Manche Legion of Mary Castillo Family Ducusin Family
Sunday, Aug 2	9:00am For blessings received 11:00am Monica D'Souza +	Karin Doumouras D'Souza Family
Monday, Aug 3 No Mass		
Tuesday, Aug 4	9:00am Thanksgiving - Mitchell Benedicto (Canadian Martyrs)	Mila Benedicto
Wednesday, Aug 5	9:00am Mr & Mrs Marlene Luck +	Mila Benedicto
Thursday, Aug 6	9:00am Canadian Martyrs	
1 st Friday, Aug 7	9:00am Florentina Raneses +	Emilyn dela Masa & Family
Saturday, Aug 8	9:00am All Parishioners Fred Olase+	Fe & Vinda Olase
Sunday, Aug 9	9:00am Thanksgiving – Angela Alfred 11:00am Diego Cabusas & Rodolfo Hernandez +	Angela Alfred Ybarola Family
Monday, Aug 10 No Mass		
Tuesday, Aug 11	9:00am Canadian Martyrs	
Wednesday, Aug 12	9:00am Mercedita Hidalgo+	Ninfa Gasis
Thursday, Aug 13	9:00am Canadian Martyrs	
Friday, Aug 14	9:00am Rose Marie Villote	Ninfa Gasis
Saturday, Aug 15	9:00am All parishioners Maria De Manche +	Therese De Manche
SANCTUARY LAMP Aug 1 to 15		
In Loving Memory of John Clarence Perry Requested: Janelle Perry Olson		In Loving Memory of Severina Mamaril Requested by Theresa Mamaril & Family

“ENTERING THIS SEASON OF TRANSITION TOGETHER”



Message from the Pastor

This Sunday's readings speak directly to the kind of moment we are living as a parish. Elijah listens for God in the wind, earthquake, and fire — but the Lord arrives in a **gentle whisper**. Peter steps out onto the water with courage, only to feel fear rise beneath him. Jesus reaches out immediately, lifting him with a steady hand. And St. Paul, carrying sorrow for his people, still proclaims that God's promises remain faithful. As we enter this season of transition together, these readings offer us a path. Change can feel like standing between wind and silence, between courage and hesitation. Yet the Scriptures remind us that God meets us precisely here — not in the noise of anxiety, but in the quiet assurance that Christ is near. We may not see the whole path ahead, but like Elijah, we can listen for God in the stillness. Like Peter, we can take one step forward even when the waves feel high. And like Paul, we can hold onto the truth that God remains faithful to His people. Let us move together with patience, kindness, and hope. The Lord is already guiding this parish. And the One who calls us forward will not let us sink. *(Fr. Efren)*

PARISH FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (VIGIL & SIMPLE CELEBRATIONS)

This year, due to our parish's ongoing transition and limited preparation time, we will not be holding our usual Feast Day festivities. However, we still wish to mark this important moment in a simple and prayerful way. We will begin with a **Vigil Mass on Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m.** on the eve of our parish's **98th Anniversary**. Please note: although celebrated on Sunday, this Mass is for the **Vigil of the Feast** and **does not fulfill the Sunday obligation**. Following the Vigil Mass, everyone is invited to a **simple potluck gathering** in the Parish Hall.



On the **Feast Day itself, Monday, September 14**, we will celebrate Mass at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by a **brief social** in the hall. While Holy Cross does not have a traditional “patron saint,” the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross remains our parish's principal celebration. We look forward to gathering in gratitude and humility as we honour the Cross of Christ and pray for our parish community during this time of transition. This will be a wonderful opportunity to mingle, share a meal, and celebrate together in the spirit of our parish community.

Everyone is welcome to contribute and participate!



Special Bulletin Notice

To help keep our parish community informed during this period of transition, special bi-weekly bulletins will be issued on **August 9** and **August**

23. Regular weekly bulletin publication will resume on September 6.

Events and Important Notices



KNOW YOUR FAITH: - Facilitator: Therese De Manche

REFLECT ON GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE, MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS as we encounter Christ in

the unique Gospel of St. John through teaching, meditation and DVD (Dr. E. Sri). This Gospel is remarkably different from the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke where John includes many events that are not found in these other Gospels. See Our Lord through the eyes of the beloved disciple John. Grow in deeper love with Jesus as we follow John through Christ's life. We will be meeting in the hall for 4 Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. on **Aug 11, 18, 25, Sep 1**. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries invites families and our faith communities to join us for the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, **August 12, 2026, at 7 p.m.** Held annually across our cemetery locations, this special Mass offers an opportunity to gather in prayer, remember loved ones who have gone before us, and celebrate the hope and promise of eternal life.

Collection for Canadian Missions

- August 15-16, 2026.



The Canadian Missions Collection supports remote dioceses in NWT and in northern Alberta as well as Catholic Missions in Canada. CMIC fosters and extends blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting many missions in many regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

We warmly invite **children** to begin preparation for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation**. These sacraments are important steps in growing closer to Jesus and living out our Catholic faith. Preparation will include engaging sessions, prayer, and opportunities for families to journey together in faith.

Who can register?

- Children **enrolled at Holy Cross School**
- Children from **other schools** who are part of our parish community

We'll keep you posted once we have all the details finalized.



Feast of St. Vincent de Paul — September 27



Join us in celebrating the life and legacy of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of charitable works and service to the poor. **Friday, Sep 25, Mass at 7:00 PM** Let us gather in prayer and thanksgiving during this special liturgy.

Fellowship to Follow After Mass, all are welcome to stay for light refreshments. Come share in community and conversation as we honor St. Vincent's spirit of compassion and generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul - Fall Bundle Up Weekend – September 19/20

On the weekend of Sept 19/20, the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, bedding (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 for both Saturday and Sunday.

Meeting for All Ministry Coordinators

All ministry coordinators are invited to a meeting with our Pastor, Fr. Efrén Álvarez-Pelayo. We are currently considering **Friday, August 28 or Wednesday, September 2 for this gathering.**

To help us determine the most suitable date and time, please email the parish office with your availability at your earliest convenience. Once all responses have been reviewed, the final arrangements will be communicated.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to coming together to reflect on the life and mission of our parish as we continue moving forward in this time of transition.

Parish Office Hours & Parish Bulletin News

Please note that beginning **August**, the Parish Office will be open:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Lunch Break:
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

We kindly ask parishioners to plan their visits accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



Let Us Pray for the Sick

Please remember to pray for the members of our parish who are sick, homebound, and forgotten. If you wish to

add a loved one to our Sick List, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. *Thank you for your prayers and support.*

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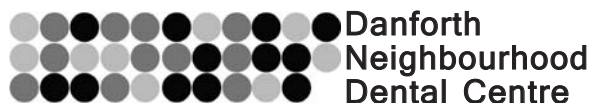
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