



# H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H

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## Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am to 5:00pm

**Fr. Efren Alvarez-Pelayo, Pastor**

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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

**Phone:** 416-393-5242

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## Principal:

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 22**

**No Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, August 23**

**9:00am Mass**

- ◆ In Thanksgiving  
(Nathaniel Nguyen's 9th birthday)

**11:00am Mass**

- ◆ In Thanksgiving  
(Carl & Christina D'Souza)

**Monday, August 24**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 25**

**No Mass**

**Wednesday, August 26**

**9:00am Mass**

- ◆ In Thanksgiving for David Nigro)  
(Cora Manriquez)

**Thursday, August 27**

**No Mass**

**Friday, August 28**

**9:00am Mass**

- + Natividad & Elena Andrade  
(Julieta Andrade)

**Saturday, August 29**

**9:00am Mass**

- ◆ In Thanksgiving for Lulu & Bernadette Labang's Birthday(Labang Family)
- ◆ In Thanksgiving for Reggie Amantar  
(Tess Macarayan)

**Sunday, August 30**

- ◆ In Thanksgiving—52nd Wedding Anniversary of Luis & Nancy Cervantes (Marie Cervantez)

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**In Thanksgiving for**

**Lulu & Bernadette Labang's  
Birthday(Labang Family)**

## "THE ROCK BENEATH OUR FEET"

*Message from the Pastor*



This Sunday, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers with clarity, and Jesus entrusts him with the keys — not because Peter is perfect, but because Peter is willing. Isaiah speaks of a key placed on the shoulder of Eliakim, a sign of responsibility and trust. St. Paul bursts into praise, declaring the depth of God's wisdom. My dear parish community, in a season of transition, we are invited to

remember the foundation beneath our feet. The Church is not built on personalities, preferences, or perfect plans — it is built on Christ, the Rock who steadies us. Like Peter, we may feel unsure at times, yet God still entrusts us with the work of the Gospel. Like Eliakim, we carry responsibilities that call for humility and courage. And like Paul, we can pause and marvel at the wisdom of God guiding our parish. Let us root ourselves in Christ as we walk forward. The waves may rise, but the foundation does not move. (*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.

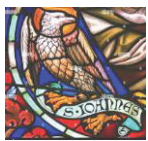
*Everyone is welcome to contribute and participate!*

## MASS INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR

With great joy and gratitude, we invite all parishioners, families, and friends to celebrate the **Installation of Fr. Efren** as our pastor on **Sunday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m.** This special occasion marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our parish. Let us come together in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship as we warmly welcome Fr. Efren and offer our support as he begins his ministry among us. Following the Mass and installation ceremony, there will be a **parish potluck gathering** in the hall. Please bring a favorite dish to share if you are able, but most importantly, bring your presence and spirit of community. **Everyone is warmly invited to attend. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together!**



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## MINISTRY COORDINATORS MEETING

All Ministry Coordinators are reminded of the meeting with our Pastor, Fr. Efren Álvarez-Pelayo, scheduled for Friday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all coordinators for your prompt response to this invitation. Your participation is greatly appreciated as we gather to discuss important parish matters and upcoming ministry activities. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

We will resume our **First Friday Adoration** on **Friday, September 4.** The evening will begin with a **Holy Hour and Confessions at 6:00 PM**, followed by **Mass at 7:00 PM.** All are invited to spend a quiet moment in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to praying with you.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP



We invite parishioners to share food items if you can for our potluck celebration on **September 13, the eve of our Church's 98th Anniversary.** Let us come together in fellowship and thanksgiving as we celebrate this special milestone. Kindly coordinate with Claudette Wilson or Karin Doumouras regarding the dish you plan to bring so that we can maintain a balanced variety of food groups. Thank you for your generosity and participation

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

On **September 25**, the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, following **Mass at 7pm**, all are invited to stay for fellowship and light refreshments as we celebrate his spirit of compassion and generosity. Everyone is welcome. Also, we are having our **Bundle Up Weekend of Sept. 19/20.** The St. Vincent de Paul donation truck will be at the back of the church **Sept. 19/20, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Donations of clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, and new toys are welcome. Society members will be available to assist. Thank you for your generosity!



## 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.**



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