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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

299A Donlands Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4J 3R7

Principal:

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 30

9:00am Mass

✠ Patricia Le Blancq

Friday, October 2

7:00pm Mass

✠ Natividad & Leonila Andrade

◆ Tess Macarayan

Saturday, October 3

9:00am Mass

✠ Silverito Macarayan

◆ Erwin, Maireez & Enzo Centeno

Sunday, October 4

9:00am Mass

✠ Stephen & Rita Davies

✠ Regina Ko

11:00am Mass

◆ Effie D'Souza

Sanctuary Lamp

SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 6

All Souls in Purgatory
Incoronata Ambrosini

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

(What is at the Heart of the Intention)

The fulfillment of a Mass intention rests in the celebration of the Eucharist itself. The priest offers the Mass for the person or purpose requested, and that prayer is joined to the Church's universal intercession. The name identifies the intention, but the grace of the Mass does not depend on it being announced. Each intention is carried within the prayer of the Church, whether spoken or silent.

What is required is the offering which is the priest's act of presenting the intention to God through the Eucharist. This understanding helps us appreciate the depth of the tradition: the Mass itself is the prayer, and every intention is embraced within it.



"THE QUIET YES THAT BUILDS FAITH"

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of two sons asked to work in the vineyard. One agrees but does not go; the other refuses but later changes his mind. The parable reminds us that faith is lived more in actions than in intentions. God welcomes every sincere step toward Him, even when our beginnings are imperfect.

At Holy Cross, this message reflects our ongoing efforts to strengthen parish life

after celebrating our Feast Day earlier this month. Some parishioners have quietly stepped forward — volunteering, participating, and supporting one another. These small acts, often unseen, are signs of the "yes" that truly matters. As we continue rebuilding our ministries and shared parish identity, may we remain attentive to the simple, steady ways God invites us to serve.

INSTALLATION MASS

A reminder that the Installation Mass of Fr. Efren as our pastor will take place on **Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m.** We invite all parishioners to join us for this important moment in the life of our community.



Following the Mass, a parish potluck will be held in the hall. If you are able, you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Most of all, we look forward to gathering together as we begin this new chapter in our parish life.

KNOW YOUR FAITH – SCRIPTURE STUDY



We extend our sincere appreciation to all who participated in our recently concluded *Know Your Faith* program. Your enthusiasm and engagement enriched our time together.

Inspired by this momentum, we are pleased to introduce **Know Your Faith: Scripture Study. COME AND JOIN US** as we reflect on the Sunday readings through prayer and study **after the Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:40–10:45 a.m.) on October 3, 10, 24 & 31. Facilitator: Therese De Manche.** All are welcome as we continue growing together in God's Word.

WAYS TO GIVE TO OUR CHURCH



We are grateful for your generosity and support of our parish.

You may make your offertory contribution through: Weekly offertory envelopes, Cash donations during Mass, Cheques payable to Holy Cross Church, Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Your support helps sustain our mission, ministries, outreach programs, and parish operations. For more information, please contact the parish office.

ROSARY RALLY



We invite you to join i **Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 12 noon** Outside of the Holy Cross Parish Bring your family and friends.

For more details, please contact: Sr. Terry Felonia at 647-528-8864 Sr Elena Manuel at 416-878-9272 Legion of Mary, Our Lady of the Holy Cross Praesidium.

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE UPDATE



Beginning in **October**, the **9 a.m. Mass** will be celebrated at **Canadian Martyrs**, followed by the usual devotions. At **Holy Cross**, the **6 p.m. Holy Hour** and **Confession** and **7 p.m. Mass** continue as before. This change lets both parishes share the spirit of First Friday in the way that best fits their day. **Confessions at both churches — all are welcome.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



All children are invited to join Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass to hear and celebrate the readings at an age-appropriate level, helping them participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Word before returning to the congregation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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.

ALTAR SERVER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to serve as **Altar Servers**. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Shauna D'Souza, Volunteer Coordinator**, through the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

On **October 4**, the second collection is an opportunity to contribute to programs that promote healing, cultural revitalization, education, and stronger **relationships with Indigenous communities**. Thank you for your generosity and support as we continue the journey toward truth, **healing, and reconciliation**.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis's feast day because of his love for animals. On **Sunday, October 4**, from **10:00 to 10:30am**, immediately following the 9:00am Mass, the blessing will take place outside, by the side door of the church on the Cosburn Avenue side, near the apple tree. We invite all parishioners to bring

their pets to the parish. Please be sure to have your pet always restrained.

FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION

Parents of children **7 years and older** who have been **baptized Catholic** are invited to attend an **Orientation Session** for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Program.



Wednesday, October 13 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. This orientation is an important first step, and **participation is expected before formal enrollment** in the program. Signing up through the parish office helps us prepare for families attending. All program details will be shared during the session.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

For students in Grade 7 and up, including high school, our Confirmation program will begin later in the Fall. We are currently preparing a **schedule that reflects our parish's present transition** and ensures everyone can take part. Please feel free to **call the parish office and leave your contact information** so we can reach you directly once details are ready. This year's program will be **pastorally guided**, giving every family the assurance that participation will be **welcoming and flexible**.



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