



# 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**

**Maria Agovino, LPA Holy Cross Parish & Canadian Martyrs Parish**

**Joan Bolanos, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper**

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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, October 7**

**9:00am Mass**

✕ Maria De Manche

**Friday, October 9**

**9:00am Mass**

✕ Severina Mamaril

**Saturday, October 10**

**9:00am Mass**

Available

**Sunday, October 11**

**9:00am Mass**

◆ Agapita Sotto Asares

**11:00am Mass**

✕ Marie Nelia Loreda

Kalambakal

◆ Lew Saldanha

## Sanctuary Lamp

**OCTOBER 6 TO 13**

For all Parishioners: living and gone before us.

## Let us pray for the sick

Flordeliza Malan; Lilia Mariano,  
Rosalina Jao, Peggy Leahy.

## 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.

## THE VINEYARD IS ENTRUSTED, NOT OWNED

Isaiah 5:1–7 • Philippians 4:6–9 • Matthew 21:33–43



Isaiah sings of a vineyard lovingly planted and carefully tended. Jesus then tells of tenants who make a tragic mistake: they begin to act as though the vineyard belongs to them. What was entrusted becomes something they try to possess. That is a Gospel worth hearing in an established parish such as Holy Cross. We have a history, ministries, traditions, a church building, generous volunteers, and ways of doing things that have served us well. We should be grateful for all of it. But gratitude is different from ownership. The parish is not ours to guard from change; it is God's vineyard, entrusted to us so that it may bear fruit. The question, then, is not simply, "How do we preserve what we have?" It is also, "What fruit is God asking from us now?" Perhaps it is a new volunteer being given room to serve, a ministry willing to welcome new ideas, a parishioner noticing someone who has been standing quietly at the edge. Healthy stewardship keeps our hands open. We receive, we cultivate, and one day we will hand it on. The vineyard belongs to God. Our joy is to help it bear good fruit.

## INSTALLATION MASS

A reminder that the Installation Mass of Fr. Efren as our pastor will take place on **Sunday, October 18 at 11:00am** the **Catholic Women's League (CWL)** is coordinating the reception for the incoming installation, All are welcome to bring a dish to share. Following the mass all are invited to join the celebration. We look forward to gathering together as we begin this new chapter in our parish life.



## ROSARY RALLY

We invite you to join us this **Saturday, October 10 at 12 noon** Outside 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

**(When an Intention becomes too many Names)**

A Mass intention is a focused prayer offered within the celebration of the Eucharist. At times, families request that many names be included under a single intention. The desire to honour loved ones is heartfelt, but very long lists can make the intention difficult to understand publicly and may distract from the prayer being offered. The Church encourages that intentions be expressed simply — one name, or a small number of names closely connected — so that the intention remains clear and the parish can unite in prayer for that purpose. This approach keeps Mass intentions rooted in the life of the parish and prevents them from appearing like private announcements. Every intention, even when expressed briefly, is fully present before God in the Eucharist.



OCTOBER 4, 2026

### MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

The annual Mass Attendance Survey for all parish and mission communities will take place on the weekends of **October 17-18**, and **October 24-25**. Ushers are reminded of this important practice at each mass.



### 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 (see cover page for contact info)

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



During October Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive to help restock our food cupboard. Please place donations of non-perishable food items in the SSVP collection bin in the church foyer. **Items most needed:** Canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and peanut butter. Thank you for your generosity and support for those in need.

### 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 Communion Program on **Wednesday, October 14 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.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL INVITATION



Our parish is seeking **two additional members** to join the **Parish Finance Council**. Former members are also warmly encouraged to return, as continuity is a great benefit to the parish. The PFC assists the pastor in overseeing parish finances, budgeting, and stewardship. Members are appointed by the pastor through nominations or

self-applications. If you feel called to serve, please email **Fr. Efren** at [ealvarezpelayo@archtoronto.org](mailto:ealvarezpelayo@archtoronto.org). An interview will follow to help determine suitability for this important role.

### PARISH BUILDING COMMITTEE INVITATION

We are establishing a **Parish Building Committee (PBC)** and are seeking **3-5 founding members**. The PBC will assist the pastor in caring for and improving our parish facilities. If you feel called to serve, please email **Fr. Efren** at [ealvarezpelayo@archtoronto.org](mailto:ealvarezpelayo@archtoronto.org). Interviews will follow.



### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – CAST YOUR VOTE!

A municipal election will take place on Monday, October 26. All Catholics are encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. Cardinal Leo has permitted Catholic School Board Trustee candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute information after Mass on weekends from October 3/4 to October 24/25. We invite parishioners to take a moment to learn about those seeking this important role. To ensure your vote is counted for Catholic School Board Trustee, please verify at the polling station that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your status is incorrect, ask for an application to Amend Voters' List. This form can be completed and submitted directly at the polling station. Thank you for your participation in this year's municipal election.



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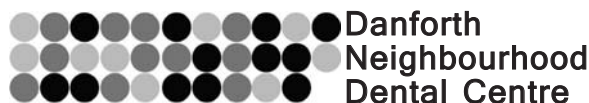
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