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

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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 14

9:00am Mass

✦ Melanio, Francesca & Silverito Macarayan

◆ Connie & Beth Escabarte

Friday, October 16

9:00am Mass

◆ Maria Luisa Sotto Tan

Saturday, October 17

9:00am Mass

✦ Andrea Rada

Sunday, October 18

9:00am Mass

✦ Michael Angelo, Luis & Mazie Cervantes

11:00am Mass

✦ Ronald Skura

✦ Marina Enriquez

Sanctuary Lamp

OCTOBER 13 TO 20

For all Parishioners: living and gone before us.

Let us pray for the sick

Flordeliza Malan; Lilia Mariano; Rosalina Jao.

INSTALLATION MASS

IT'S FINALLY HERE



After many weeks of preparation, the Installation Mass of Fr. Efren as our pastor is finally here. We gather

this Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. to welcome him formally into his ministry among us. The Catholic Women's League is coordinating the reception, and all are welcome to bring a dish to share. After Mass, please join us as we celebrate this new chapter in our parish life.

P.S. DRESS CODE REQUIRED

Isaiah 5:1-7 • Philipians 4:6-9 • Matthew 21:33-43



Isaiah imagines God preparing a feast for all peoples. Jesus takes up that image in the parable of the wedding banquet: the table is ready, the invitation goes out, and yet some are too busy or too indifferent to come. There is something comforting here

for Holy Cross, but also something challenging. A parish can have a full calendar, faithful ministries, familiar faces, and still need to ask: Who has not yet discovered that there is a place here for them? Who is waiting for a personal invitation rather than another announcement? The Gospel is not simply about filling seats. The wedding garment reminds us that grace asks for a response. Christ welcomes us as we are, but does not leave us unchanged. To come to the banquet is to learn the habits of the Kingdom: mercy, humility, service, forgiveness, and attention to those who might otherwise remain unnoticed. So perhaps this week we can do something wonderfully simple: notice someone, learn a name, extend an invitation, make room. God has prepared the feast. There is still room at the table but remember, this banquet does have a dress code.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – ONE CELEBRATION TOGETHER

This **Monday, October 12**, our cluster will celebrate one Mass only for Thanksgiving Day, at **9:00 a.m. at Canadian Martyrs**. This shared celebration allows our pastor to take his day off while still gathering all of us—Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs—together in one church for the holiday. Let us come as one community to give thanks to God for His blessings. All parishioners from Holy Cross are warmly invited and very much part of this celebration.



OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that **parish office will be closed** remotely in observance of Thanksgiving Day and we will re-open on Tuesday.



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.



OCTOBER 11, 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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

This is a worldwide collection on October 18 for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support of this important work*

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. An interview will follow to help determine suitability for this important role.

RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION

Due to multiple collections for the 1st Sunday of the month, the **second collection for the Renovation Fund** has been moved to **Sunday, October 25**. If you have already prepared your donation envelope, kindly bring it on that date. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

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. Interviews will follow.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

They are now accepting applications for September 2027. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend Open Houses on **Oct. 15** and **Oct. 20** at **7:00 p.m.** Register at applySMCS.com. Financial assistance is available for eligible students.

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.

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