

HOLY CROSS
PARISH

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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.

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Principal:

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, Nov 11
9:00am Mass
✠ Nolasco & Andrea Rada

Friday, November 13
9:00am Mass
♦ Speedy recovery – Pamela Garcia

Saturday, November 14
9:00am Mass
♦ Fr. Charles Anang
♦ Erwin, Maireez & Enzo Centeno

Sunday, November 15
9:00am Mass
✠ Gerry Boudreau

11:00am Mass
♦ Denzil & Selma Lobo
✠ Emmanuel & Maria Lopez Sr.

Sanctuary Lamp

NOVEMBER 10 TO 17

For the repose of the Souls of Maria Isaac and Helena Health

All Souls

November is dedicated by the Church to prayer for **All Souls in Purgatory**. Beginning this weekend, the **Book of Life** will be placed in the near the sanctuary. During this month, the faithful are invited to remember and pray for their departed loved ones. **All Souls Envelopes** will be available near the Book of Life before and after all Masses throughout November. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones on these envelopes. They will be included in our parish's general prayers for **All Souls in Purgatory**. Completed envelopes may be placed in the box provided near the Book of Life.

"KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE"

Wisdom 6:12–16 • Psalm 63 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 • Matthew 25:1–13



In today's Gospel, ten bridesmaids wait for the bridegroom. All have lamps, all are invited, and all eventually fall asleep. But only five have enough oil when the moment comes. The difference is not enthusiasm or good intentions, but what they have done to sustain their light. It is a gentle but challenging reminder that having faith and nourishing faith are not quite the same thing. We can know our prayers, attend Mass, and keep religious traditions, yet neglect the quiet relationship with God that gives them life. The oil in our lamps is replenished in ordinary ways: through prayer, forgiveness, compassion, and the daily decision to love when loving is difficult. These things cannot be borrowed at the last minute or lived entirely through someone else's faith. And perhaps that is the deeper invitation of this Gospel: not to live anxiously waiting for Christ, but to live attentively, recognizing His presence already among us. The question is not simply whether our lamps are lit today, but what we are doing to keep them burning tomorrow.

SHEPHERD'S TRUST

There will be a second collection next weekend, **November 15, for The Shepherds' Trust**. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and in dependent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

CONSIDERING A JOINT SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION



Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs are exploring the possibility of a joint Simbang Gabi celebration this Advent. Parishioners interested in helping plan and organize this cherished tradition are invited to contact the parish office by email. A planning meeting will be scheduled by Joan and held at Holy Cross Parish. We welcome participation from parishioners of both communities.

RED WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

Join Catholics around the world in observing **Red Wednesday**, a day of prayer and solidarity with persecuted Christians. **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** will celebrate Mass at **5:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**, which will be illuminated in red for the occasion. All are encouraged to attend, wear red, and keep persecuted Christians in their prayers.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

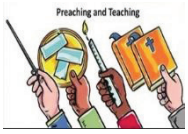


Each year on **November 11**, Canadians pause to remember the brave men and women who served and sacrificed in times of war, military conflict, and peacekeeping missions. Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion that invites us to reflect on the cost of freedom and the courage of those who defended it. **Lest we forget.** May we always remember their sacrifice and cherish the freedoms we enjoy today.

Christmas Outreach

With the Advent and Christmas seasons approaching, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is here to support individuals and families in need. If you or someone you know could use assistance this Christmas, please call 416-421-5225, ext. 3 and leave a message with your name and phone number. A volunteer will be in touch with you. **Registration deadline: November 22, 2026.**

Volunteers Needed



As our parish is currently without a custodian, we are looking for volunteers to assist with light cleaning and simple tasks around the church. Whether you can help occasionally or on a regular basis, your time and support will help keep our church welcoming and well maintained for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office. Thank you for sharing your time and talents in service to our parish community.

2027 Offertory Envelopes



We are currently preparing our 2027 Sunday offertory envelopes. If you would like to receive envelopes, please make sure **you are registered with Holy Cross Parish.** Parish registration helps us keep accurate records, issue income tax receipts correctly, and stay connected with you. If you are not yet registered, or if your contact information has changed, please contact the parish office (see contact information on the bulletin cover). Please note that some envelope numbers have been reassigned for 2027. Please use only the envelope number currently assigned to you. If you have not used your envelopes during 2026, your previous envelope number may have been reassigned to another parishioner. In that case, please contact the parish office to be assigned a new envelope number before making donations using envelopes.

Ways to Support Our Parish



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. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday Rosary



For many years, the Rosary before Sunday Mass has been a valued tradition at Holy Cross, and we are grateful to those who have faithfully led it. As our parish continues to grow, however, the time before and between Masses has become essential for the many volunteers whose service makes our Sunday liturgies possible. Choirs rehearse, lectors prepare, altar servers train, sacristans set up, ushers welcome parishioners, and clergy coordinate the many details required for the celebration of Mass. This time will soon be needed for Baptisms and marriage vows. Because the Mass is the Church's highest public prayer and the gathering of the entire parish community, its preparation must take priority. For this reason, the public recitation of the Rosary after 9am Sunday Mass will be in private. We thank all those who have promoted devotion to Our Blessed Mother and ask for your understanding and support as we make room for the many ministries that help make our Sunday celebrations possible.

New to the Parish?



If you are new to the parish, please remember to register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe 2027

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