

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 18
9:00am Mass
✠ For the Repose of All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 20
9:00am Mass
✠ Felix Manapul Sr

Saturday, November 21
9:00am Mass
✠ Andrea & Nolasco Rada

Sunday, November 22
9:00am Mass
♦ Birthday Thanksgiving – Cecilia Celestine
♦ For Speedy recovery – Julieta Pangilinan

11:00am Mass
✠ Ludwin Damas
✠ Judith Palero Quiamjot

Sanctuary Lamp

NOVEMBER 17 TO 24

For the repose of the Soul of Resurreccion Dizon

Prayers for the Sick

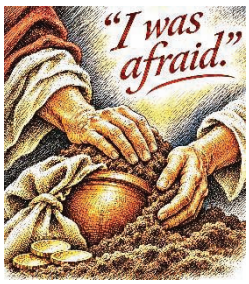
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All Souls

November is dedicated by the Church to prayer for **All Souls in Purgatory**. **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. Names submitted on the **All Souls Envelopes** will be included in our parish prayers for the **Souls in Purgatory**. Please place completed envelopes in the box provided near the **Book of Life**.

"What Fear Buries"

Proverbs 31:10–13, 16–18, 20, 26, 28–31 • Psalm 128 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 • Matthew 25:14–30



In the parable of the talents, one servant buries what has been entrusted to him. He does not steal it or squander it. He simply hides it, afraid of what might happen if he takes a risk. Fear can make doing nothing seem like the safest and most responsible choice. Yet Jesus asks us to see that gifts are given to be used. Faithfulness is not the same as keeping everything untouched. Not everyone has the same abilities, opportunities, or strength. The Gospel does not ask us to compete or produce identical results. It asks whether we will allow fear to have the final word. A kindness left unspoken, an ability never offered, a reconciliation endlessly postponed—these are ways we can bury what God has placed in our hands. Grace grows when it is shared, even imperfectly. The real loss is not that we might fail; it is that fear might keep us from trying.

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.

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)



We are excited to begin the program on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent. All children are warmly invited to join us as we learn about God's Word in a fun and meaningful way. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners!

Christmas Outreach



On the weekend of **November 22, Society of St. Vincent de Paul** invites you to pick up a gift tag from the Christmas tree in the front foyer, purchase the suggested gift, and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached by Sunday, November 29. SSVP volunteers will be available to assist for each mass. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas through your generosity and help bring joy to local children in need this Christmas.

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.

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.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Young adults ages 18–39 are invited to join the Office of Catholic Youth and the Archdiocese of Toronto for a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from August 1–12, 2027. Encounter the universal Church, visit holy sites connected to the Korean martyrs, pray alongside thousands of young Catholics from around the world, and answer the Holy Father's call to be pilgrims of hope. For details and to apply, visit ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027. Spaces are limited and applications are being reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications close Monday, October 26, 2026, or earlier if all spots are filled

Sunday Rosary



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 transition, however, the time between Sunday 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 anniversaries with renewal of 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 between the 9am and 11:00am Masses 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.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe 2027

A Journey of Grace for Every Heart

February 22 – 27, 2027

Under the spiritual guidance of **Fr. Efren Alvarez-Pelayo**, Pastor of Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs

Price: CA $3,650 per person (double occupancy)

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