

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 25
9:00am Mass
- ♦ Thanksgiving – Cora Manrique
- ✠ All Deceased members of Waldron Family

Friday, November 27
9:00am Mass
- ✠ Maria De Manche
- ♦ Birthday Thanksgiving – Cecelia Celestine

Saturday, November 28
9:00am Mass
- ✠ Maria De Manche

Sunday, November 29
9:00am Mass
- ♦ Birthday Thanksgiving – Manan Bhatia
- ✠ Maria De Manche

11:00am Mass
- ✠ In remembrance of Millie Hynes
- ✠ Rodolfo J. Agustin

Sanctuary Lamp

NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 1

For the repose of the Soul of Sherry Racicot

Prayers for the Sick

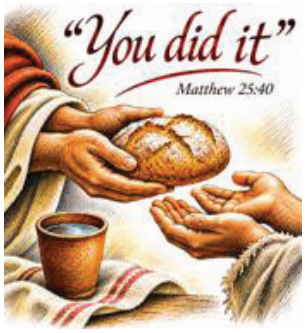
Aline and Ariana De Gourville
Angelee Davies, Kelly Davies

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**.

"The King we Almost Missed"

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 · Psalm 23 · 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28
Matthew 25:31–46



When we imagine Christ as King, we may picture a throne, a crown, and the splendour of heaven. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus offers a surprising image of his kingdom. He identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner. The King of the universe comes to us without the appearance of royalty, often hidden in people we might otherwise overlook. We may spend our lives searching for God in extraordinary places while failing to recognize him in the ordinary needs of others. What makes this Gospel particularly challenging is that neither group recognizes Jesus in those they encountered. Both ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you?" The difference lies not in what they knew, but in how they loved. A meal offered, a stranger welcomed, a lonely person visited—these become encounters with Christ himself. Our faith is not measured simply by how beautifully we speak of God, but by how generously we respond to the people before us. The King we hope to meet in heaven may already have crossed our path today.

Ministry Coordinators Meeting



All ministry coordinators from **Holy Cross Parish** and **Canadian Martyrs Parish** are invited to meet with our Pastor, **Fr. Efren Álvarez-Pelayo**, to discuss the possibility of a joint **Simbang Gabi** celebration this Advent. We are considering **Wednesday, Nov 25** or **Friday, Nov 27** for this gathering. Please email the parish office with your availability at your earliest convenience. Once responses have been received, the final date and time will be announced. Parishioners interested in helping plan and organize this cherished Advent tradition are also invited to contact the parish office by email.

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



The 2027 Sunday Envelopes will be available for pickup beginning Sunday, November 29. Parishioners who use donation envelopes are encouraged to collect their box at their earliest convenience. Ushers will be available before and after Mass to assist with distribution and to help locate your assigned envelope box. If you are unable to find your envelopes or would like to begin using parish envelopes, please speak with an usher or contact the parish office for assistance. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and continued support of our parish community.

Introducing the Rite of Welcome Before Baptism



Over the coming months, you may notice families with young children being called forward briefly at one of our Sunday Masses for a Rite of Welcome. Because baptisms at Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs are ordinarily celebrated outside of Sunday Mass, this rite gives the parish community an opportunity to welcome families who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. The Rite of Welcome reminds us that Baptism is not a private family event but a celebration of the entire Church. Through it, a child is welcomed into the Christian community and entrusted to the care, support, and prayers of the faithful. Families preparing for Baptism will normally participate in this rite one or two weeks before the Baptism ceremony. We ask all parishioners to keep these children, their parents, and godparents in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate this important sacrament.

A New Liturgical Year Begins



On Sunday, November 29, we begin the holy season of Advent, a time of prayerful preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas and a reminder to await His glorious return. May this Advent be a season of hope, peace, joy, and renewed faith as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. Come, Lord Jesus!

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.

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)

Includes: Round-trip airfare + taxes • Deluxe coach • 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast, lunch & dinner All city taxes & entrance fees • Dedicated tour escort & English-speaking guides • Daily Mass



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