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## MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:45am  
Saturday: 4pm  
Sunday: 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

## RECONCILIATION

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat:** 8:30am-9:30am  
**Sun:** After the 12pm Mass

## ADORATION

**Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel**  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Family Adoration (Friday)**  
Fridays at 7pm in the church

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Devotion**  
Following the 7:45am Mass

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month Devotion**  
Following the 7:45am Mass

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month Devotion**  
Following the 7:45am Mass

## PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 12pm & 1pm - 4:30pm  
Friday  
8:30 am - 12pm & 1-3pm

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**  
Fr. John McKenzie

**Catechetics Coordinator**  
Sr. Bibiana Ikwun, HHCJ

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Claire DuBois

**Office Assistant**  
Rachel de Jesus

**Custodian**  
Gerard O'Neill

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Exodus 17.3-7

Psalms 33

***O that today you would listen  
to the voice of the Lord. Do not  
harden your hearts!***

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel:  
John 4.5-42

This bulletin marks the end of my return to Parish Life Director. Our dear Fr. John has returned to official duties and I am off to Europe for 12 days -seems like a fair trade unless I get Coronavirus. While I still had access to the bulletin cover, I thought I would end by unleashing the ramblings of my absolutely undisciplined mind - they can't fire me, I was done as of yesterday!

In honesty, I have been so truly blessed these past couple of years to be able to serve this parish in a way that has been both a blessing and utter torment. I have watched and experienced the ebbs and flows of this parish for some 56 years (I know, shocking -I don't look a day over 55 right?). We have both flourished and floundered; we have seen our congregation dwindle, yet we remain a beacon of light in such unique and beautiful ways. This parish has seen me through both the best and worst times of my life. I was married here (I think that was a "best" time), my children were baptized here and my parents had their funeral services here. This parish and Christ have been the only true constants in my life and maybe in the lives of many of you.

This parish is important to me for a whole bunch of reasons, not least of which is that I am a better person because of it and my service to it. Before you get to thinking, "Wow Sheila, you were even worse before", remember it truly is relative. Because of this parish and its people, I'm somewhere today that I was not a couple of years ago. The beautiful people who have touched my life in unimaginable ways, unintentionally causing me to re-evaluate what I believed to be important. What a gift!

I think we all go through life with a constantly shifting paradigm that defines for each of us what is important. As a child, when I learned that my brothers could pee standing up and I could not, I was like, "WHAT? Who decided that? How was that even approaching fair?" Game on, I was going to pee standing up from then on! I did for a while; I got fairly good at it, but as wisdom and practicality would have it, it became less important to me. I hardly do it anymore. Life is a little like that; some things seem so utterly important until they're just not.

My point in all of this is that what is important is actually quite simple - that we save our souls and help others to save theirs. There is nothing else. We need the help of this parish and its people to do this. We are better people when we are a part of a community that we are invested in; a community of people that we care about and that care about us; a community that nurtures our faith and helps us right our course when we wane and our faith is tested. It has to be about more than showing up to Mass each Sunday. The relationship must be one of reciprocity and coaction; of shared responsibility in ensuring that this parish has a future that is relevant to a world that so desperately needs us.



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What does this entail for you and I? I don't know for certain. What I do know is that it is a work in progress and must be a labour of love. I know that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we must each discern in our hearts what part we are to play—rest assured you have a part to play, if I have one you certainly do!

I want this parish to be a place of hope and love in these maddening times. I want us to care for, welcome and support everyone who crosses our threshold. We need each other whether we know it or not.

I know that we must answer the call, if only begrudgingly, because this parish is only as strong as the sum of its parts.

Say yes to serving—go bowling, serve on a committee, donate more, visit the sick of our parish, anything that brings you into service and allows God to work his magic on you and through you.

Thank you for indulging me,  
Sheila Cornick

*“Right now is what is important, not because there is something special about this moment or the next moment, but because the choices we make in each and every moment will determine what becomes of us when there are no more moments.”*

Anonymous

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Family Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent, 7pm, Holy Cross**—You are invited as families and individuals to join us as we gather together and pray the Rosary and Stations of the Cross (this replaces Family Adoration, which resumes after Easter).

**Healing Evangelization—Mar 16, 2:15pm, Holy Cross**—The Soldiers of Christ invite you to come and see the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ! Info: Anita at 204-930-8357.

**Change of Date for CWL Monthly Meeting—Mar 29, immediately following the 10am Mass**—This meeting replaces the regularly scheduled April meeting. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to join us. Questions - call 204-284-1630.

**Medjugorje Prayer Group**—The prayer meeting on Tuesday, Mar 17 at 7pm is **cancelled**. **The next one will be on Tuesday, Apr 21 at 7pm** in the Church.

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Holy Cross and other parishes in our area will be holding a Lenten Penitential Service, where prayers & private confessions are offered.

Wed.	Mar. 25	Mary, Mother of the Church	7pm
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>Holy Cross Parish</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Sun.	Mar. 29	Holy Family	3pm
Sun.	Mar. 29	St. Andrew Bobola	6:30pm
Tues.	Mar. 31	Christ the King	7pm
Wed.	Apr. 01	St. Emile	7pm
Thurs.	Apr. 02	St. Timothy	7pm
Saturdays of Lent		St. Bernadette	3pm



### FELLOWSHIP EVENINGS FOR CATHOLIC MEN

Men, join us **Tuesday, Mar 17**, at **7:30pm** in the Holy Cross Parish multipurpose room (252 Dubuc St.), for **“GODLY MEN”**, a video series hosted by four Catholic Men. The next session is called **“The Godly Man is HUMBLE”**. Info/sign up: Jean at 204-783-0091.



### CWL SOUP AND SANDWICH SUNDAY

**Holy Cross CWL** cordially invites all parishioners to Soup and Sandwich Sunday on **Mar 22 after the 10am & 12pm Masses**. Free will offering at the door to enjoy a variety of savory homemade soups and tasty sandwiches. **50/50 draw after each seating**. Your donations help to sponsor the First Communion/Confirmation luncheon for Holy Cross children.

## PARISH FINANCIALS

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFERINGS

	Actual	Expected	Difference
Jan-Mar	\$38,429	\$39,825	\$ -1,396
Sunday (Mar 8) Offering	\$3,212	\$4,425	\$-1,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,641</b>	<b>\$44,250</b>	<b>\$ -2,609</b>

**Pre-Authorized Donations:** Our Parishioners have the opportunity to give their contributions by direct withdrawal from their bank. This quick, convenient and easy service helps ensure that your donations are given to continue supporting the parish, weekly or monthly, even if you are away. If you would like to give your donations through this program, contact us at 204-233-7367, [office@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:office@holycrossparish.ca) or drop by the office.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13)*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	Mar. 15	Potluck After 12pm Mass Soldiers of Christ	1pm 2:15pm
Mon.	Mar. 16	Funeral: Bud David Simmons T.O.P.S.	10:30am 6:15pm
Tues.	Mar. 17	St. Catherine's Academy Homeschooling Group Men's Group: Session 3	9:30am 7:30pm
Wed.	Mar. 18	Children's Atrium	9:30am
Thurs.	Mar. 19	Holy Cross School Feast of St. Joseph Mass Children's Atrium Youth Group	10:15am 4:30pm 7pm
Fri.	Mar. 20	Mass followed by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Devotion Rosary & Stations of the Cross	7:45am 7pm
Sat.	Mar. 21	Baptism Preparation Session Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) Retreat	10am 11am

### Saturday, March 14

4:00pm + Alfred & Irene Ross by Christine Ross

### Sunday, March 15

7:45am Special Intentions by Evangeline Fraser

10:00am For the Return to Good Health for Fr. Robert McDougall by the Norwood Knights of Columbus

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### Monday, March 16

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Amalia de Jesus by her family

### Tuesday, March 17

7:45am Gerard O'Neil's Personal Intentions

### Wednesday, March 18

7:45am In Thanksgiving by Paul & Adeline

### Thursday, March 19

7:45am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by Cecile Myslicki

### Friday, March 20

7:45am + Miguela Clemente by her family

### Saturday, March 21

7:45am Romain Ayache's Personal Intentions by Mom

### Saturday, March 21

4:00pm + Lydia by the Swirsky family

### Sunday, March 22

7:45am + Marie Gamache by Georges & Carla

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm + Lydia by the Swirsky family

### MARCH PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### EVANGELIZATION:

#### CATHOLICS IN CHINA

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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