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Mass Times

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

WEEK DAY MASSES

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

By appointment

Baptism

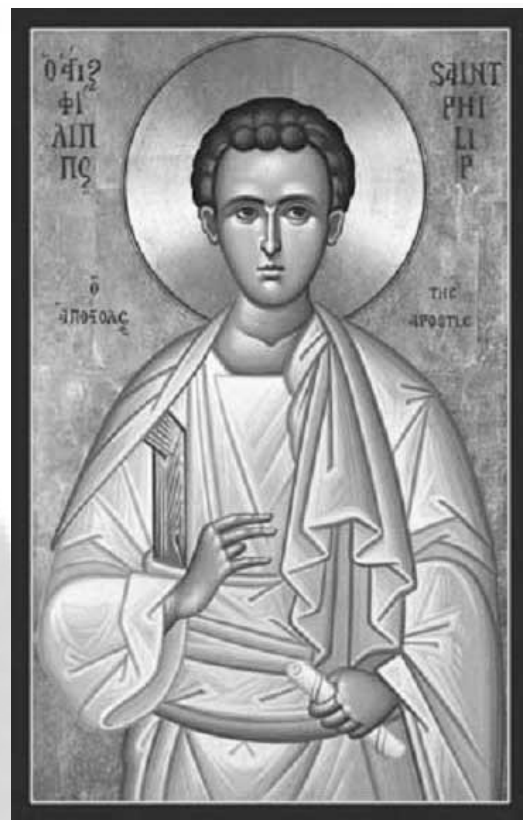
Infants and young children of registered parents are eligible to have their child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated by appointment only and require a meeting with the priest and/or the Sisters.

Marriage

Weddings for registered parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturdays. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. Please contact the pastor a minimum of one year before the planned marriage date.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for visits, Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are admitted to the Hospital, kindly identify yourself as "Catholic" at the time of admission.



IN RESIDENCE:

Sister Gloria

Sister Christina

Sister Virginia

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul -905-728-3937

SCHOOLS

Msgr. Philip Coffey - 905-723-4241

Msgr. John Pereyma - 905-432-8470

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*We welcome new parishioners
Please register in the vestibule or call the
parish office.*

Third Sunday of Advent



We again light the light the candles of hope and love. Today we add the **PINK (ROSE)** candle of joy. Prophecy has been fulfilled. The long-awaited Messiah has come. Joy is the mood of all earnest seekers.

Rejoice! Here is your God! As the feast of Christmas draws closer, we are reminded that the Lord is with us even now. Jesus came to give sight and life to the dead. Christ's reign is among us through our deed of love and generosity. Let us grow weary, but steady our hearts and rejoice, for the Lord is close at hand!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 9:00pm

Christmas Day: 10:00 am

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve: 6:00pm

*New Year's Day:
10:00am*



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 - SUGAR, MAC & CHEESE,
 - SALT & PEPPER, BABY FOOD
- PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION AT THE STEPS OF THE ALTAR. THANK YOU!!

Mass Intentions

Sunday December 17

10:00am

†Fr. Henry Menenzes

Tuesday December 19

7:00pm

†Fr. Gerald Lalonde

Wednesday December 20

7:00pm

†Fr. Howard Keon

Saturday December 23

6:00pm

Parish Intentions



Parish Office will be closed from December 22nd until January 2nd.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!!!

Thank you to all who have registered their child for Reconciliation, 1st Communion or Confirmation here at Holy Cross. If you have not done so already, please drop off a copy of their Baptismal Certificate at the office.

ALL THOSE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & ALL THOSE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OUTSIDE PARISH BOUNDARIES

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
JANUARY 30TH!!!!**

DONATIONS FOR 2017:

Please note: Donations must be received in the Office by December 31st, 2017 to be receipted for the 2017 taxation year. Any donations received after December 31st will be recorded in the 2018 taxation year.



If you have moved this year, please make sure that the office has your new address for your tax receipt.

Christmas is a time when most of us turn homeward. It is a time when planes, buses and trains are booked, not so much with people scattering to the four winds for vacation as with people travelling back to their roots, back to places where they came from. It is a time when most of us make a point of visiting our parents no matter how old they or we may be. It is a time when parents expect and plan for their children to come home whether it be for a visit, a meal or for a few days. It is a time also for the phone lines hum since "long distance is the next best thing to being there".

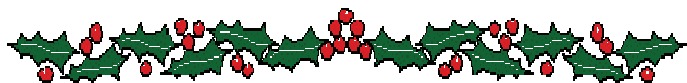
Somehow this homeward tendency, this returning to roots, this going back to places of security and comfort fits in perfectly with the mystery of faith that we celebrate at Christmas.

Somehow as well, the mystery of Christmas colours our home-going. The mystery of Christmas is a mystery of birth into the bosom of a human family. It is a mystery of life, salvation and hope.

Our joy and our need to go home is thrown into sharp relief by the sorrow that some people experience at Christmas. We may know what it's like the first Christmas after a death in the family. Despite the joy of the day, the sorrow seems particularly poignant and painful. The sense of loss, of someone missing becomes increasingly strong.

All of these feelings which come to us at Christmas lead us to reflect on the inner meaning of the faith we celebrate.

Mary's way is the way to the depths of this mystery. We need to treasure, savour and pray. We need to pick up all of the goodness of our home-going and our family celebrations and to ponder them in the coming of the child Jesus, whom we call the Christ.



Envelopes

Envelopes for 2018 are available to be picked up. All envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name. If you are recently new to our parish please pick up a blank box of envelopes and write your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes. Thank you in advance!

Reminder!!!!

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2018 and please do not use envelopes from past years. Thank you in advance!



"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display-so much tinsel and decorations. For it isn't the holly, it isn't the snow. It isn't the tree not the firelight's glow. It's the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again." – Anonymous



St. Jude Knights of Columbus Corner
December General Meeting
Monday December 18
7:30pm



CWL OF HOLY CROSS

*****Reminder*****

2018 Membership Fee of \$25 is due by the end of December. Fees can be placed in an envelope marked CWL and dropped into the Sunday collection basket at Holy Cross Parish

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