# **SANTA CRUZ PARISH**



#### **WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays and Fridays 12:00 pm (English) in the main church.

#### **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

10:30am (English)
12pm (Portuguese)

The Office is opened
Tuesdays and Thursdays

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love."

-St. Faustina Kowalska

## Theme of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Word of God proposed to us today, several themes intersect (faith, salvation, the radical nature of the "way of the Kingdom," etc.); but what stands out is the reflection on the correct attitude that man must adopt before God. The readings invite us to humbly recognize our smallness and finiteness, to commit ourselves to the "Kingdom" without calculations or demands, to gratefully accept the gifts of God, and to entrust ourselves confidently into His hands.

In **the first reading**, the prophet Habakkuk challenges God, calling on Him to intervene in the world and to put an end to violence, injustice, and sin... God, in response, affirms His intention to act in the world, to destroy death and oppression; but He makes it clear that He will do so only at the appropriate time, according to His plan. Man, for his part, must trust and patiently await the "time of God."

The Gospel invites the disciples to courageously and radically embrace that project of life which, in Jesus, God has come to offer to humanity... This commitment is called "faith"; and the establishment of the "Kingdom" in the world depends on it. The disciples, committed to building the "Kingdom," must, however, be aware that they do not act on their own; they are merely instruments through which God brings about salvation. Their role is to fulfill their duty with humility and generosity, like "servants who have only done what they were supposed to do."

**The second reading** invites the disciples to renew each day their commitment to Jesus Christ and to the "Kingdom." In a special way, the author exhorts Christian leaders to guide the communities entrusted to them with strength, balance, and love, and always to defend the truth of the Gospel.



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0ct 07 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Nov 01

All Saint's Day

## All Saint's Day

On November 1st (Saturday), we will have our All Saints' Day Mass at 9am in both languages (English and Portuguese).

With that, we would like to add that on November 1st & 2nd, we will not be accepting intention requests, as these days are dedicated to **all** the faithful departed.

# Mass at Maynard Nursing Home

We warmly invite the entire community to join us for Holy Mass

to be celebrated at Maynard Nursing Home.

• Date: Monday, October 6

Time: 10:00 AM

 Location: 28 Halton St, Toronto, ON, M6J 1R3

Let us come together in faith and fellowship to bring the joy and presence of Christ to our brothers and sisters in the nursing home.

### First communion and Confirmation

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation classes has officially begun!

First Communion Registration Deadline: October 19th

• E Classes Begin: October 26th

**Confirmation** Registration Deadline: **October 26th** 

• E Classes Begin: November 2nd

You can register after Mass with one of our catechists or by calling the parish office.

Don't miss this important step in your child's faith journey!



## **FOOD DRIVE**

WE WILL HAVE A
THANKSGIVING FOOD
DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES.

LET US BE PRESENT TO THE HOMELESS AND MOST NEGLECTED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THEM.

#### BRING FOOD DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH UNTIL OCTOBER 05.

- TUNA & CANNED MEAT
- COFFEE & TEA BAGS
- . SOUPS & STEWS
- CONDIMENTS
- JAMS
- . BEANS & CHICKPEAS
- · CANNED TOMATOES, CORN & VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCE
- . SUGAR, SALT, PEPPER, AND SPICES
- · SALAD DRESSING
- COOKING OIL
- . PANCAKE MIX BAGGED RICE
- MINI-SIZED JUICE BOXES
- GRANOLA BARS & PACKAGES SNACKS



MOST NEEDED ITEMS