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.



"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'
Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."
-1 Peter 5:5-6

The word of the Popes

The Gospel of today's Liturgy presents us a parable with two protagonists, a pharisee and a publican (cf. Lk 18:9-14), that is, a religious man and an avowed sinner. Both of them go up into the Temple to pray, but only the publican truly lifts himself up to God, because he humbly descends within his true self and presents himself as he is, without a mask, with his own poverty. (...)

Indeed, in humility, we become capable of bringing what we really are to God without pretence: the limitations, the wounds, the sins and the miseries that weigh down our hearts, and [capable] of invoking his mercy so that he may restore us, heal us, and raise us up. (...)

Brothers, sisters, the Pharisee and the publican concern us closely. When we think of them, let us look at ourselves: let us confirm whether, in us, as in the Pharisee, there is the intimate presumption of being righteous (cf. v. 9) that leads us to despise others. (...) Where there is too much "I", there is too little God. (...) Let us ask the intercession of Mary Most Holy, the humble servant of the Lord, the living image of what the Lord loves to accomplish, overthrowing the powerful from their thrones and raising the humble (cf. Lk 1:52). (Pope Francis, Angelus, 23 October 2022)



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Nov 01

All Saint's Day

Nov 16 Special collection for the Shepherd's trust

Dec 14

Christmas Lunch

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.

SAVE THE DATE

We invite everyone to the Parish Christmas Lunch, which will be held on **December 14th,** starting at 2:00 PM.

Join us for this special moment of fellowship, with live music, excellent cuisine, and the warm presence of our community.

More information will be shared soon.

Our Lady's Circle - Women's Prayer Group

Monday, October 27th at 6:30pm

You are warmly invited to join our women's prayer group; a place to come together in faith, share in prayers, and encourage one another on our spiritual journey. With Mary, our mother and model of faith, guiding us, we seek to grow closer to God and support and support each other in love and prayer. Whether you are new or have been walking with the Lord for years, this group is a welcoming place for all who want to deepen their relationship with Christ. We hope you'll come and be a part of this community of faith and friendship.

Join us for this special time of reflection and prayer!

Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care

This new observance, introduced last March, invites all parishes to reflect, pray, and act with compassion for those nearing the end of life. Rooted in our Christian belief in the dignity of every human life, palliative care offers medical, emotional, and spiritual support—not to hasten death, but to relieve suffering and affirm hope.

Our Christian faith teaches that every human life is a precious gift from God, to be cherished and protected from conception until natural death. In a culture that increasingly views suffering as something to be eliminated rather than embraced with love, the Church must give witness to the truth that life retains its dignity even amid illness, pain, and decline. Palliative care is a profound expression of this belief that seeks not to hasten death, but to relieve suffering through medical, emotional, and spiritual support. Currently, only a third of Canadians have access to quality palliative care. We know that if those who are sick and dying are surrounded by loving care, in a community setting imbued with compassion, possess an understanding of what effective pain management looks like as well as the meaning of redemptive suffering, fewer would seek euthanasia and assisted suicide as a solution to their pain, guilt or loneliness.

A special brochure, Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, is available in all parishes, offering guidance, resources, and support—including HopeLine (416-619-5700).

Let us be Good Samaritans to those in pain, and commit to building communities of care. May the Lord bless all who face end-of-life decisions, and may Our Lady comfort them in love.

-His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto