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.



"The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go." **-Gospel**

July is dedicated to the most precious blood of Jesus

One of the first to have a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus was Saint Gaspar of Buffalo. He strongly propagated this devotion, having the approval of the Holy See.

Another fact is that during the first Italian war for independence, in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile in Gaeta. He was with Don Giovanni Merlini, the third superior general of the Fathers of the Precious Blood. While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast of the Precious Blood to implore God's heavenly help to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a declaration on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter. Years later in his pontificate, Saint John Paul II, in his Apostolic Letter Angelus Domini, repeated what Saint John XXIII said about the infinite value of the blood of Christ, of which "a single drop can save the whole world from all guilt."

The precious blood motivates us to meditate on Jesus' total offering for humanity. For this reason, the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the most precious blood; Christians are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the shedding of his blood for humanity.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. How much more, then, since we have now been justified by his blood, shall we be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:8ff).

UPCOMING EVENTSThere will be no bulletin from
July 20th to August 31st.Mass at Maynard Nursing
Home on Monday, July 14 @
10 am. (in Portuguese)Jul
28Women's Prayer
GroupAug
13Annual Mass for the
Faithful Departed

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." — Isaiah 66.10-14

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold its Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM. This Mass will be celebrated at various cemeteries throughout the Archdiocese, with the theme: "2025 is a Jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'."

Celebrated at multiple cemeteries across the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga: Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri Christ the King Cemetery, Markham: Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto: Most Rev. Robert Kasun Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby: Msgr. Edgardo Pan St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie: Most Rev. John Corriveau Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill: Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

OUR LADY'S CIRCLE – WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday, July 28 at 6:30 PM

We invite all women of the parish to join the Women's Prayer Group — a monthly gathering dedicated to growing in faith, strengthening our relationship with God, and offering mutual support through prayer and sharing.

Each meeting includes a time of communal prayer and friendly conversation in a warm and peaceful environment. This is a beautiful opportunity to connect with other women, enrich your spiritual life, and place your intentions into the loving hands of Our Lady.

Bring a friend and come renew your heart and spirit. We look forward to seeing you!



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During this Jubilee Year, join us for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine, a national holy and historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER:

www.archtoronto.org/jubilee

ENTRANCE FEE (PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL) Adults: \$10 / Youth (0-18): Free / Bus: \$200* *Bus admissions are charged as a flat rate and exclude complimentary admission



PROGRAM

SUNDAY

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9:00 – 10:45 a.m. Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

12:30 p.m. Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch – limited catering available onsite)

1:30 p.m. Rosary Processi 2:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 2:45 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Fellowship and departure at leisu

MISSION APPEAL - August 31

This year, our parish will welcome **Fr. Faustino Kusoka**, who will make the Missionary Call during Mass on Sunday, **August 31, 2025**. We invite you to open your hearts and support this important mission through prayers and generous donations. Your contribution will help bring the light of Christ to those most in need. As we welcome Father Faustino (former pastor of Santa Cruz), let us

listen carefully to his call to charity.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen." — Galatians 6.14-18