

St. Rose of Lima Parish

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

Summer Bulletin

August 2026

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that the summer days go well for you and your families. The summer days leading up to the Labour Day weekend are a bit of a downtime for us in the parish, with schools closed and a number of meetings and activities suspended. But summertime can be busy for many of us in our personal lives, filled with social events, visits to family and friends, trips within and outside the country, etc. As we enjoy the beautiful, warm, sunny weather outside, let us always find a moment each day to give thanks to our gracious God for the gift of family and friends, and, of course, for the summer days.

On a personal level, I want to thank our Parish community for all your wishes, gifts, and prayers on my birthday. I was happy to celebrate my birthday with my family and Holy Cross community in India, but I missed being here. Fr. Martin and I are very grateful for the wonderful journey we have had during this year, and we thank God for this large, vibrant community and for all the support that each of you offers to our Parish community and to us.

It is a blessing for us to see so many people coming and joining us for our liturgical celebrations. As always, please invite your families and friends to come and join us for our celebrations, so that we can all be nourished spiritually. May the reminder of the summertime be refreshing for you.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C



Feast of our Patroness and Parish BBQ

On Sunday, August 23, we will celebrate the feast of our patroness, St. Rose of Lima. On Saturday, August 22, our 5.00 pm Vigil Mass will be followed by a procession around the Church. On Sunday, August 23, after our 12.30 Mass, we will have a BBQ on the Church and school grounds in honour and celebration of our patroness.

The event will be organized by our Knights, CWL, Event Planners, and other ministries and groups of the Parish. We invite all parishioners to join us for the feast day celebrations and the Parish BBQ.

If you would like to contribute to the event, you are very welcome to do so! You can make a monetary donation through the Parish office to help buy supplies for the BBQ, or you can bring ready-to-serve salads, fruits, and desserts.

Additionally, our Youth Ministry team will be selling refreshments to fund their activities. Please support them.





SECOND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22ND/23RD, 2026

As you are aware, our Parish is served by priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C., and Fr. Martin, C.S.C., are Holy Cross Fathers. Each year, in Parishes served by religious communities, the archdiocese allows a second collection to be taken up on a designated weekend to support the work and ministries of the religious community.

On the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd, a second collection will be taken up at all our Masses to support the work of the Holy Cross community. Special envelopes will be available at the back of the Church and at the entrances. Please be as generous as you can and support the work of Holy Cross. Thank you.

Our Mission

The Congregation of Holy Cross is an apostolic religious congregation composed of two distinct societies of religious brothers and religious priests. To serve with zeal “to make God known, loved, and served, and thus save souls” – that was the charge that Blessed Basile Moreau, the founder, gave the Congregation of Holy Cross. Our primary mission is to be educators in the faith. Today, the members of the congregation minister in 17 countries, including Canada and the United States. As a missionary congregation, Holy Cross works with the poor and marginalized people of society, and we always depend on your monetary contributions and your prayerful support.

Thank you in advance for your support of the mission work of Holy Cross. Be assured of our prayers for you and for your families.

Where we Serve

Bangladesh	Brazil	Canada	Chile	France	Ghana
Haiti	India	Italy	Kenya	Mexico	Papua New Guinea
Peru	Philippines	Tanzania	Uganda	USA	

The work of the Congregation in Canada continues to be marked most significantly by Saint André Bessette, the humble Holy Cross brother who became the Congregation’s first canonized saint in 2010. Known as the “Miracle Man of Montreal” for the miraculous healings attributed to his intercession, St. André also built the Oratory to St. Joseph on Mount Royal in Montreal.

To learn more about the Congregation of Holy Cross,
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REPOSITIONING OF THE TV SCREENS IN THE SANCTUARY

We are blessed to have the TV screens in the Church to help with our liturgical celebrations and our school Masses with children. Most Parishioners are grateful to have the system. However, a number of Parishioners have expressed concern over the location of the two big TV screens in the sanctuary—as it partially blocks the Pentecost painting in the back—and suggested moving them to the side pillars that support them now. After discussing these suggestions and the Pastoral Council's recommendations, we are planning to move the two TV screens to the side pillars and center them on the pillars. If you have any genuine concerns or helpful suggestions about this proposal, please share them with Fr. Vijai or Fr. Martin or with one of the members of our Parish Pastoral Council by August 15. You can also send an email or call the Parish office. Thank you for your support and cooperation.





Thank you for your cooperation in implementing the TipTap digital donation system in the Parish. The system is functioning well, and many are using it to contribute. Please remember to scan the QR code and register if you'd like to receive the tax receipt at year's end.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

As Catholics, we might encounter persons who express interest in becoming members of the Catholic Christian Community. We might also encounter persons who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but never had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist or Confirmation, and who now desire to learn more about their Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a program and a process that can facilitate these interests and desires.

The next RCIA program at our Parish will commence at the end of September. The candidates and our team members will meet weekly in our Parish Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the program, please invite them to contact our parish office and register.



SL ShareLife

You can work wonders!

As announced, in our SL campaign, we've raised \$58,637 toward our \$78,000 goal.

Thank you to all who contributed; your generosity helps the vulnerable. If you haven't donated yet, please consider doing so. If you've already contributed and can give more, please help us reach our goal.

ShareLife 50th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, August 22, 10:30 a.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St, Toronto, ON

Join us at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica for a special Mass celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. After Mass, guests are invited to a simple gathering as we give thanks for God's blessings, celebrate the impact of your kind generosity, and mark this milestone year.

*Persistence in Prayer means
Shameless refusal to quit.
Keep asking, keep seeking,
keep knocking!*



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services within the Archdiocese of Toronto invite all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 12th at 7 p.m. with Most Rev. Robert Kasun at Christ the King Cemetery in Markham. There will also be Masses in all the Catholic Cemeteries within the Archdiocese on the same day and at the same time.