



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12 FEBRUARY 2006

“I do choose. Be made clean!”

(Today's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; Mark 1:40-45)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Feb 11 5:00PM Mass – Margaret Sheck+
Clare Schuler+

Sun., Feb. 12 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Mass – Jacob Kramers+
Rigden & Frenette Families+
9:30AM Mass – Sis Reid+
Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Connie Melford+
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
7:30PM Mass

Mon., Feb. 13 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Feb. 14 12:15PM Mass – Valerie Goldsmith+

Wed., Feb. 15 12:15PM Mass – Mickey Miller+

Thurs., Feb. 16 12:15PM Mass – Pro Life

Fri., Feb. 17 12:15PM Mass – Gardner Family+

Sat., Feb. 18 5:00PM Mass – Barbara Mallett+

Sun., Feb. 19 **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Marjorie Dunn+
11:15AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+
Laura Lavack+
7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

Sat., Feb. 11 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
6:00PM Holy Cross Pot-Luck Supper

Sun., Feb. 12 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

Tues., Feb. 14 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:30PM Rosary – Church
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Feb. 15 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C General meeting – Hall

Thurs., Feb. 16 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Feb. 17 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
7:30PM K of C Assembly meeting

Sat., Feb. 18 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 19 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir Practice – Rm. A
K of C – Sale of Raffle Tickets after all Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob),

Frank Laternus (husband of Edwina), Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon (wife of Leo), Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelley
-relatives- Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Robert W. Brown (brother of Laurence), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laternus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Nikhil Jose (nephew of Fr. James), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Simon Schmidt (nephew of Rosemary Uren), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Ron Black, Eric Kramers, David Williams and Wanda Sherratt

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

February 04 – \$4,776.37 (env.) / \$ 701.70 (loose)

Pastor's column...

CARE FOR ALL ALIKE

St. Paul urges the faithful to Corinth not to hurt anyone, neither Greeks, nor Jews or others. It is a difficult art, to avoid hurting people. Jesus knew this art very well. Throughout the Gospels, we won't find a single instance where Jesus' words or deeds would have hurt someone, except the proud and self-righteous Pharisees and scribes. He dealt with compassion to the sinners, to the sick, to the poor and the needy. Imagine how many people we hurt through our words and deeds, knowingly and unknowingly, everyday in our homes, offices, bazaars, buses, trains, schools, hospitals and where not! Everybody has a right to be treated with respect and dignity. Once an Arab traveler visited the Caliph and presented him the water from a special spring. The water was collected days ago when the traveler set out on the journey and it was carried in an animal skin jar. It had started smelling foul. Yet the Caliph drank it relishingly and sent the traveler with gifts. The courtiers were wondering why the Caliph did not share the water with them. After the traveler had left, the Caliph explained, "If I had given you also to drink, you would have certainly showered abuses on the innocent traveler who had presented the water with all good will." Only great souls can care for all alike.

We **CONGRATULATE** the following children who join us through the waters of baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Brandon Haferkamp, Benjamin Heney, Connor McNaughton, Leah Parker and Rebecca Strong.

Parish and Community Life...

ASH WEDNESDAY is on March 01 marking the beginning of Lent. The ashes that will mark our foreheads come from Passion Sunday's palm branches of the previous year. **If you have any blessed palms from previous years at home, you may bring them to mass with you up until Sunday, February 26.** If you forget to bring them and wish to dispose of them yourself remember that they are blessed. The correct way of disposing of anything blessed is to burn, bury or consume. It is a sign of respect that these items are not put in our regular garbage.

THIS YEARS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is entitled "*Signs of the Times*" and offers us the opportunity to share in the common worship with Christian women and men around the world and in more than 2000 communities across Canada. Please come and join our neighbours from 12 Christian Churches in Ottawa South on **Friday, March 03 at 2 p.m.** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Alta Vista Dr. for a meaningful worship service written by the women of South Africa. The service includes singing, reading of the Word and prayers of thanksgiving, confession and forgiveness, praise and intercession. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Raffle Tickets the weekend of February 18 & 19 after all the Masses. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the Knights of Columbus' annual **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after all morning Masses on Sunday, February 26. Tickets will be \$3 each with a maximum cost per family of \$10 and will be available after all Masses.

PASTORAL CARE

Have you ever thought about joining our Pastoral Care Team, Bereavement Team or volunteering elsewhere in spiritual care services? The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program Spring Session is being offered on Mondays from 1 – 3:30 p.m. or 7 - 9 p.m. beginning on March 06 to May 08 at Dominion Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper St. Cost: \$90. For more information call Verna Nuttall at 821-2744 or e-mail verna@storm.ca

The Pastoral Care Team is committed to serving you our parishioners and we wish you all a **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** Please contact Rick Johnston at 738-5123 or the parish office at 731-7834 to avail our services.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Two members of our committee gave committee members a report on the "Share Lent 2006" workshop they attended as representatives of Holy Cross, on Saturday February 04 at Canadian Martyrs' Church. The workshop was organized by Development and Peace the official international development agency of the Canadian Catholic church. The all-day session focused on suggested Share Lent activities leading up to Solidarity Sunday and educational materials to promote an sense of connectedness with those in need. Solidarity Sunday falls this year on the first Sunday of April. Share Lent 2006 continues with the motto 'Thirsting for

Justice' and with an emphasis on water as a sacred trust. **OUR FIRST FOOD DRIVE** of this year will be held on the first Sunday of Lent, March 05. The non-perishable food items you contribute are donated to our local food banks at Heron Road, Debra Dynes, Greenboro Pavilion and Banff-Ledbury.

Other items of interest...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted in the narthex for further information.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: The theme is "What do we believe? A Lenten Catechesis on the Credo" and the speaker is Fr. Kevin Beach, Vicar General. It will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call Lee Winchester at 741-6627 or lee.winchester@sympatico.ca. Please bring your catechism, all are welcome.

PALLIATIVE CARE COURSE AT ST. PATRICK'S HOME OF OTTAWA INC.: The course is 10 weeks and begins on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$50. For more information please call Marilyn at 731-0094 ext. 296.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT †

"To live the Gospel without compromise means asking oneself, perhaps a thousand times a day, "How would Christ act, think, or feel if He were in my place?" It means living a life of love, dying to self and living for others, following Christ's footsteps from Bethlehem to the tomb. Love means not deviating from the most direct and shortest path between myself and Calvary. This is childlike simplicity in its most fundamental form." (The Gospel Without Compromise—Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty)

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrons of the Blind

St. Dunstan is associated with work for the blind because of an institution established during World War I at St. St. Dunstan's House, Regent's Park, London, for the welfare and rehabilitation of blinded soldiers (and later, civilians).

St. Odilia, in a more inspirational (and imaginative) vein, is said to have been born blind and abandoned by her family. Raised in an Alsace convent, her sight was miraculously restored when she was baptized as a twelve-year old. (She became a Benedictine abbess and died around 720.)

St. Raphael, one of the three archangels mentioned by name in the Bible, is another patron for the blind. The Book of Tobit tells the story of his miraculous intercessions. It was Raphael's instructions that Tobit's son followed in restoring his father's sight (Tobit 11:7-14). (Legend has it he is the angel who moved the waters of the healing pool in John 5:1-9).

St. Lucy's patronage of the blind comes in part from her name, which derives from *lux*, Latin for light. (Hence the ill-advised custom of girls processing with candles on their heads, bringing light. Tradition has it St. Lucy's persecutors put out her eyes, which makes her patronage of the blind a natural.)

(The Catholic Source Book)