



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26 FEBRUARY 2006

**“As long as they have the bridegroom with them,
they cannot fast.”**

(Today’s Readings: Hosea 2:14, 15, 19-20; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Mark 2:18-22)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Feb 25 5:00PM Mass
 Sun., Feb. 26 **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00AM Mass – Joseph Croke+
 Mary McAuley+
 9:30AM Mass – Bridget Marianayagam+
 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
 7:30PM Mass – Madina Toledo+
 Josie Alerie+

Mon., Feb. 27 12:15PM **NO** Mass
 Tues., Feb. 28 12:15PM Mass
 Wed., Mar. 01 **Ash Wednesday**
 9:30AM Ash Wednesday Service for Holy
 Cross School with the imposition of Ashes
 12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes
 7:00PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes

Thurs., Mar. 02 12:15PM Mass
 Fri., Mar. 03 11:00AM Adoration until 12 noon
 12:15PM Mass

Sat., Mar. 04 5:00PM Mass
 Sun., Mar. 05 **First Sunday of Lent**
 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
 9:30AM Mass – Francis Bolduc+
 Bosko Masanovich+
 11:15AM Mass – Rosie Huzar+
 7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

Sat., Feb. 25 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 26 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
 10:30AM Children’s Choir practice – Rm. A
 Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses in the parish hall
 Sale of Fair Trade coffee and tea at all morning Masses

Mon., Feb. 27 7:00PM Bereavement Support Group
 Tues., Feb. 28 7:00PM Baptismal Prep – outside
 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
 7:30PM Rosary – Church
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Thurs., Mar. 02 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Mar. 03 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
 Sat., Mar. 04 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Mar. 05 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
 10:30AM Children’s Choir practice – Rm. A
 MPD Food Drive at all the 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 Laturus (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), Sonya Fernandez (granddaughter of Xavier & Brigitta), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturus), 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 Lorbitskie (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 19 – \$4,483.68 (env.) / \$ 606.67 (loose)

Pastor’s column...

Jesus—The Newness of Life

St. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, describes the Christian vision. It is a reminder of the covenant made between God and his people in the Old Testament. The covenant was sacred. It was to be kept with fidelity. Its existence was seen in the lives of the people who made the Covenant. Faithfulness was rewarded with blessings. The unfaithful deprived themselves of a relationship with God. This is to be true of us in our own times. We are the living presence of Jesus Christ in the world. Jesus has made the new covenant with us in his blood. We are the living witnesses, testifying to that fact. The challenge is to live it out. The Gospel has been written in our hearts. His mission continues in our frail human bodies. Jesus speaks through our lives, our witness...The fact that Jesus’ disciples do not fast indicates a

rupture which is a characteristic of the Kingdom. There is no room for patches; they are useless, and new components will make the tear worse. Reweaving our lives is the exigency of the Kingdom. That implies leaving many things aside and opening up to the newness of Jesus' message.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY CROSS' LENTEN MISSION

—Theme: **"God is Love—Lessons in Christian Living from Pope Benedict XVI"**. Preacher: Fr. John Vandenakker of the Companions of the Cross and music by Glen Pereira & Team. Dates, time and themes: **Monday, April 03:** *"Why Love is stronger than despair"*—Mission talk, Mass with Marian Consecration; **Tuesday, April 04:** *"Parish Lenten Penitential Service"*—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mission Talk, Benediction, Sacrament of Reconciliation; **Wednesday, April 05:** *"Receiving Healing for Body, Mind and Soul"*—Mission talk, Mass with Healing Service. From 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Come and experience the **'DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD'** and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten (RE)TREAT. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken for Holy Cross Parish.

Parish and Community Life...

PLEASE NOTE—THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE: **First Reconciliation** for children preparing for the sacraments of First Communion will take place on **ONE** evening **only** at Holy Cross Church which will be held on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—*"Signs of the Times"*. 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.

2005 TAX RECEIPTS are now available at the back of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are please to announce the winners for the 2005/2006 Drugs/Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Campaign for the following schools: Holy Cross: **Barbara Veljko**; Holy Family: **Carter Beaupre**; McPhee McMaster Catholic: **Paul Rassi**; Prince of Peace: **Drazen Quizon**; St. Thomas More: **Yana Zeiti**; St. Marguertie D'Youville: **Brady Warnock**; St. Luke: **Safera Green** and St. Jerome: **Amanda Prevost**. All winners received a \$25 gift certificate from Chapters. The overall winner, **Yana Zeiti** received an additional \$50 gift certificate as well as an honourable mention was made to **Amanda Prevost** who received an additional \$40 gift certificate. We congratulate not only the winners but all the participants of this Campaign.

The VALUE TAPE PROGRAM during the past year totalled \$28,946.84. A cheque for \$289.46 received from Roger's Independent Grocers has been added to Holy Cross Council's Charitable Works. The Knights thank all parishioners who continue to submit Roger's Value Tapes.

PASTORAL CARE

THE OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM begins next week! If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Pastoral Care Team or Bereavement Team, this

course is a pre-requisite. Session held at Dominion Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper St. on Mondays from 1 – 3:30 p.m. or 7 – 9 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning March 06 to May 08. For information and to register call Verna Nuttall at 821-2744.

FIRST FRIDAY is this week March 03. If you would like Holy Communion brought to you by one of our Pastoral Team members or our Priests, please call Simonne Larouche at 738-7590 or the parish office 731-7834.

Our next Pastoral Care meeting will be on March 08.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We hope that you have an opportunity to visit the Fair Trade coffee and tea sales at this Sunday's Pancake Breakfast. This project of our MPD committee provides information on global social justice issues and guarantees that coffee workers receive a fair return for their labour. Note that next weekend March 04/05 is our first major food drive of the year. The ushers at this weekend's Masses, in what might be called a reverse offering, have distributed 'reminders' of what food items you are encouraged to bring. Please be as generous as you usually are. On Monday March 06, our MPD committee will be hosting a gathering of all the social outreach committees of the Zone 4 parishes. Zone 4 takes in about 12 parishes in the southern sector of the archdiocese. Pauline Leduc, the Ottawa animator for Development and Peace will outline the work of D&P and its 2006 Share Lent projects. Frank Scheme will explain his role as head of the Office of Social Justice for the archdiocese. The purpose of the evening is to share among the parishes, ideas and activities in the area of social justice and to support each other in our common goals. We encourage all parishioners to join us for this event which will be held Monday March 06 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room A. Our Angel Makers meet Friday March 03.

Other items of interest...

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT †

"We must undertake the 'journey inward,' knowing it will be painful, yet believing that it will become joyful, for God is joy, and He dwells within us!"

(The Gospel Without Compromise—Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty)

DID YOU KNOW?

Quo Vadis?

An interesting legend about Peter led to a book and, decades later, a movie. As Peter was fleeing Rome during Nero's persecution, the story goes, he met Christ going to Rome. "Quo vadis?" Peter asked him (Latin for "Where are you going?") Christ replied, "I am coming to be crucified again." Peter, ashamed, took this as a rebuke and returned to Rome. He was crucified on a cross planted upside down in the earth. This legendary question was used by the Polish Henryk Sienkiewicz as the title for a novel (1895) on the life of the early Christians in Rome during Nero's persecution.

(The Catholic Source Book)