



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 23 APRIL 2006

**“Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Apr. 22 5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+

Sun., Apr. 23 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
 9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+
 11:15AM Mass
 7:30PM Mass – Madelaine & Norman Jackson+

Mon., Apr. 24 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Apr. 25 9:00AM Mass at Holy Family School
 12:15PM Mass – Aaron Feren+

Wed., Apr. 26 12:15PM Mass – Mrs. Sigi Illert+
 Annette Charron+

Thurs., Apr. 27 12:15PM Mass – Albert Joseph Dancause+

Fri., Apr. 28 12:15PM Mass – Ivan Curkovic+

Sat., Apr. 29 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Apr. 30 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 8:00AM Mass
 9:30AM Mass – Elizabeth Fiset+
 Pauline Forgues+
 11:15AM Mass – Teresa Power+
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

Sat., Apr. 22 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Apr. 23 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
 10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A
 3:00PM **Divine Mercy Devotion**—Church

Mon., Apr. 24 1:00PM Potato Peelers – Church

Tues., Apr. 25 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
 7:00PM **Practice** for the Sacraments of
 First Communion & Confirmation – Church
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Apr. 26 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A
 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Apr. 27 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
 7:00PM **Practice** for the Sacraments of
 First Communion & Confirmation – Church
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A

Sat., Apr. 29 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Apr. 30 **Sacraments of First Communion and
 Confirmation** – held at the 9:30, 11:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

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

Frank Laturnus (husband of Edwina), Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon (wife of Leo), Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault (husband of Geneva), Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelley
-relatives- Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), 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 Sarceвич), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturnus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Marian Lane (sister of Betty Dillon), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetkie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Patricia McGowan (daughter of Ray & Betty Valin), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), 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 Sarceвич)
-the deceased- Thornton Rogers (husband of Dawn)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

Good Friday – \$3,191.13

Easter Sunday – \$6,453.06 (env.) / \$2,082.18 (loose)

Pastor's Column...

A FESTIVAL TIME

The Lenten season ends on Maundy Thursday and the Triduum ends on Easter Sunday evening. We then begin the seven week Easter Season which lasts through Pentecost Sunday. It is a season full of life. In the northern hemisphere it is spring time. Rivers and streams come alive. Trees sprout new leaves. Flowers bloom. Birds sing. The calendar is full—First Communion, Mother's Day, graduations, Tulip festival, weekend trips...

The Church says to us this is the perfect time of year to celebrate life—a life that lasts for ever. Enjoy! Let there be a 50 day festival. Let the Paschal Candle, lit from the Easter fire burn brightly throughout these days. Catch the spirit of Easter and remember that the Holy Spirit who dwells in you is the presence of the resurrected Christ. Let the good news sink deep within you. Death has been conquered. Let us rejoice and be glad!

On behalf of the parish, I extend our **deep appreciation** to all who participated in our beautiful **HOLY WEEK** liturgies. Many thanks to our Liturgy Committee, lectors, eucharistic ministers, RCIA participants, Knights of Columbus, acolytes, decorators, Hospitality Committee, our music ministers, who came together and created “a joyful noise to the Lord” and above all our Dear Parishioners.

THANK YOU to all who donated money to purchase Easter lilies in memory of a loved one.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ron Black, Eric Kramers, David Williams and Wanda Sherratt** who were initiated into the Church at our Easter Vigil.

ARCHBISHOP MARCEL GERVAIS will be celebrating Mass at Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, May 06. He will then be attending the Pot-Luck Supper hosted by Ottawa Foyers Partage. ALL PARISHIONERS are invited.

God bless,
Fr. James & Fr. Lukose

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS...the “BIG HIT” of last year is back again...HOLY CROSS IS HAVING AN INDO-CANADIAN GALA DINNER on SATURDAY, MAY 13 at 6 p.m. Enjoy many exotic varieties of Indian and Canadian dishes prepared by Coconut Lagoon Restaurant; cash bar, silent auction, Mexican dancers and much, much more! Cost: \$35/per person. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on April 22 & 23 and April 29 & 30. You may also come to the parish office during working hours as well. This **FUNDRAISER is to help the parish with roof repairs**. Donations of good quality articles will be greatly appreciated for the silent auction and may be dropped off at the parish office.

Parish News and Community Life...

Parents are reminded that there is a **PRACTICE FOR THE SACRAMENTS** on **Tuesday, April 25 or on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church**. Please ensure that you attend one of those evenings with your child and your child's sponsor. If your sponsor is unable to attend, bring their complete address with you the night of the practice.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY in 2006—Archbishop Gervais invites those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more year anniversaries to a Special Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. This year the Mass is on **Sunday, May 07 at 3 p.m.** See the poster on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church along with registration forms (deadline April 28). For information call 738-5025 ext 217.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK—April 30/May 05: Theme is “Gathered in One Spirit”—Each year the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education week. Our Catholic faith emphasizes the belief that all persons are made in the image of God and that Christ shows us the fullest expression of God's image alive in each of us. Our Catholic schools foster the excellence of all students through the dedicated efforts of our teaching and support staff. Please join the community of the Ottawa Carleton Catholic District School Board in celebrating our theme this year.

ELECTIONS to fill one position on Parish Pastoral Council will be held on April 29/30. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. The nominating committee consists of Fr. James Raphael, Jean Bélanger and Karen Flynn. Nomination forms are at the entrances of the Church and must be **submitted no later than April 22/23**. For information, call Karen at 822-9527 or Jean at 241-6786.

The **AGM** meeting for Holy Cross Parish will be held on **Sunday, May 07** following the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will be served and all parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year.

MAP, a Christian ministry providing support for people leaving prison is hosting a Community Awareness Event on May 02 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Graham Snyder, the father of the late Atlanta Thrashers hockey player, Dan Snyder will be speaking about his "Journey of Forgiveness." Location: Ottawa Mennonite Church, 1830 Kilborn Ave. Admission: Freewill offering. Seating is limited; call 733-6729 to reserve or JoAnne Christie at 692-0620 for more information. All Welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the members of the Hospitality Committee who made the delicious pots of lamb and beef stew for the St. Patrick's Day party on March 17. We “TIP” our hats to; Eileen, Alice, Margaret D., Mary, Margaret R., and Karen. A number of ladies also helped with serving the food and cleaning up in the kitchen afterwards. We thank you for your support and helping to make our event a GREAT success.

PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care team is available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. If you would like our services please call Theresa at 523-7674.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We received the following Easter greetings from our sister community in Nicaragua: *“On the occasion of the first week of Easter, we wish to share with you the joy of the disciples of Jesus on discovering in our everyday life, in the ordinary activities of each day, the presence of the Risen Christ. May our journey through life help us to follow in the liberating steps of Jesus. We remain united with you all in prayer, solidarity and hope. The Sisters of the Managua community: Marielos, Maria Luisa, Paula, Amelia and Margarita.”*

DID YOU KNOW?

INRI: The only known “text” written about Jesus during his lifetime is the inscription on the cross. Yet all four Gospels cite it differently: Matthew—*“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”* Mark—*“The King of the Jews.”* Luke—*“This is the King of the Jews.”* John—*“Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”* John's Gospel says that Pilate had written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. It is the Latin form of John's version that has become the familiar “INRI” used in art. It comes from the first initials of the Latin words:

Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum