



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24 SEPTEMBER 2006

**“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”**

(Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37)

Announced mass intentions...

- Sat., Sept. 23 5:00PM Mass – Renée Villeneuve+
- Sun., Sept. 24 **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Allan Brooks+
11:15AM Mass – Michael Kelsey+
7:30PM Mass
- Mon., Sept. 25 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Sept. 26 12:15PM Mass
- Wed., Sept. 27 12:15PM Mass – Liva Urbani+
Ivy Guitard+
- Thurs., Sept. 28 9:00AM Communion Service at Billings
Lodge, 1180 Belanger Ave.
12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Sept. 29 12:15PM Mass
- Sat., Sept. 30 5:00PM Mass – Bill Reid+
Allan Brooks+
- Sun., Oct. 01 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
9:30AM Mass – Ray Moore+
11:15AM Mass – Chiara Traxler+
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

- Sat., Sept. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Sept. 24 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Mon., Sept. 25 1:00PM Potato Peelers – Hall
- Tues., Sept. 26 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Sept. 27 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Sept. 28 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A
- Fri., Sept. 29 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
- Sat., Sept. 30 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Oct. 01 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Joan Dumbrell (wife of Bob Irvine), Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Audrey Hester, 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), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee (daughter of Betty)

-relatives- Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Barbara Cooper

(sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Marian Lane (sister of Betty Dillon), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Elizabeth McEwan (mother of Joanne), 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)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

September 17 – \$5,061.87 (env.) / \$735.14 (loose)

Pastor’s Column...

Today’s Gospel

GREATEST VERSES LOWEST

To rank first, Jesus teaches, we must be last of all and servant of all. The ancient Greek had a saying, “Be always the best.” Jesus tells us how to do that. Wall Street’s concept of the best is wealth, power and prestige. Christ says that to be best is to be the servant of all. In that lies the fullest likeness of Jesus who said, “I am in your midst as the one who serves.” And he did serve, to the washing of feet, shedding of blood, and giving of his flesh for food. Jesus did not seek out the great. He chose fishermen and he holds up a child as a symbol of the lowly. When we truly serve God, we do it for love, not prestige. St. Augustine says it is unthinkable to ask any gain for love freely given, except the gain of possessing the loved one. When we serve Christ, it is Christ we want as reward. (Herbert F. Smith SJ)

IMPORTANT—PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS:

Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are asked to attend the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, October 17 OR Thursday, October 19 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** It is important that you bring a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate with you to the meeting. Please note that this meeting is **mandatory** if you want your child(ren) to receive the sacraments.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God through the Church. The candidates' journey of faith with the community leads to the sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation and communion for the first time in the celebration of the eucharist. RCIA will be starting in October, if you or anyone you know is interested in joining RCIA, please call Barbara at the parish office 613-731-7834 to register.

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! We have a fantastic Building Committee here at Holy Cross who is always ready to assist when needed and extra hands are always welcome. If your talent is with masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, etc please call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

Parish News and Community Life...

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to our newest parishioners who registered with us from June to August: *Tabitha Nanyonga & family, Carol and John Serroul & family, Jacqueline Yost and Tony Walby, Richard and Janice Johnson & family, Stan Cundari and Maria Matteo & family, Linda and John Hart & family, Richard Burelle and Kathleen Provost & family, Regine Cinondaye & family, Suzanne Delbridge, Lisa Hachey & family, Farah Florestant & family, Constantin Rusan and Bianca Briciu & family and Prashant D'Costa.*

WE CONGRATULATE the following children who join us through the waters of baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit from June to August: *Finnegan McInnes, Maeve and Maggie Doherty, Ryan Kelly, Emelia Lashomb, Janzel Galang, Alexandria Edache, Carson McGurn, Andrew Rusan, Mathew Thottungal and Mackenzie Gendron.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Children's Liturgy starts this week. It is available most Sunday's during the 9:30 Mass. There is no Children's Liturgy on long weekends, school breaks or at Christmas and Easter. All children between ages 4-12 are welcome any time. The program is taught by high school students. The program is preset and comes with all the teaching tools needed. We are in GREAT NEED of a new organizer in order for this program to continue. We are also in need of Leaders. If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours, or an adult who would like to teach, please contact Joanne MacEwan at 613-738-4729 or jmacewan@sympatico.ca.

PASTORAL CARE

ALL MEMBERS are asked to pick up the minutes from the 06 September meeting. They are in pastoral care box in music room.

OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM, PRIESTS AND DEACON are available to call, visit or bring Holy Communion to the sick or house bound. Please contact Myrnah 613-737-0755 or the Parish office with your request.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

The Development and Peace campaign for the fall of 2006 will focus on mining. A background paper from D&P notes the following. "Canadian companies dominate the global

mining industry. Many act responsibly, but some operating in the Global South have been implicated in human rights and environmental violations." Our MPD committee will be studying this issue with the use of D&P educational materials. By coincidence, TVO's acclaimed documentary series "The Human Edge" has as its season opener "The Devil's Miner", the story of two young Bolivian boys forced to work in the silver mines to provide for their families. That airs this Wednesday, September 27 on TVO (Channel 2) at 10 p.m. Our Angel Makers are in need of wired ribbon. MPD meets Tuesday, October 03.

A **FOOD DRIVE** is slated for October 07/08. Last year during Lent we did a reverse offering for local food banks and it was a great success. Next weekend, ushers will go around with baskets and in the baskets will be slips of paper on which are printed items the food banks need. To participate, you will take a slip and bring that item to church the following Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?—NEW SERIES

Before we proceed further, it is once again important to know that these 21 Eastern Churches are united within the Catholic Communion sharing the same faith, same sacraments, and same hierarchical communion (Communion with Holy See). The difference is in the RITE or tradition, namely in liturgy, in ecclesiastical discipline and in spiritual tradition. The particular form of worship of a church has a unique role in determining and specifying its identity.

Early Christianity flourished primarily in 5 centers; Jerusalem, Antioch, Rome, Alexandria and Byzantium. These five centers became patriarchates (with patriarchs as heads of the church). The Eastern Catholic Churches originate from the 3 Eastern Centers of Alexandria, Antioch and Byzantium, while the Western Latin Rite originates from Rome.

Now we are going to have a bird's eye view of the first of the 21 churches.

1. The Coptic Catholic Church (Egypt)

The Coptic Catholic Church in Egypt traces their origin to St. Mark the Evangelist who brought the faith to Alexandria. The Copts (derived from the Greek word for Egyptian) consider themselves part of the Holy land, as the Holy family sought refuge in Egypt during the time of Herod (Mt 2:13-18). The Copts are proud of the apostolicity of their church. St. Mark is regarded by the Coptic hierarchy as the first of their unbroken 117 patriarchs. Today, the Coptic Catholic patriarchate of Alexandria has about 210,000 faithful spread in six dioceses.

2. The Ethiopian Church

The Ethiopian (and Eritrean) Catholic Church follows the ancient Coptic Rite of Alexandria and is under the jurisdiction of the Coptic Catholic Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Frumentius brought Christianity in Ethiopia in the 4th century and the faith took a uniquely African characteristics. Their liturgical language is Ghe'ez, the native Ethiopian tongue. They also use Coptic and Arabic languages in its liturgy.

The present ecclesiastical structure of the Ethiopian Catholic Church dates from 1961, when a Metropolitan See was established at Addis Ababa. The largest concentrations of Ethiopian-rite Catholics are in Addis Ababa and Asmara. After Eritrea achieved independence on May 24, 1993, about half of the faithful found themselves within that new country. The above mentioned two churches are of Alexandrian family/Rite.

Next week: Eastern Catholic Churches of the Antiochian family.