



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11 FEBRUARY 2007

**“Jesus came down...stood on a level place, with a great crowd...
‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God’...”**

(Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Feb. 10	5:00PM Mass – Audrey Hester+
Sun., Feb. 11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Sick 8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+ Jacob Kramers+ 9:30AM Mass – Emile Boudreau+ Archie Toole+ 11:15AM Mass – Jamie Kelly+ Mrs. Cormier+ 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Mon., Feb. 12	12:15PM NO Mass
Tues., Feb. 13	12:15PM Mass – Ella Ross+
Wed., Feb. 14	12:15PM Mass
Thurs., Feb. 15	10:00AM Mass at Billings Lodge 12:15PM Mass – Humbert Savoia+ Pro Life
Fri., Feb. 16	12:15PM Mass
Sat., Feb. 17	5:00PM Mass – Audrey Hester+
Sun., Feb. 18	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+ 11:15AM Mass 7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

Sat., Feb. 10	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Feb. 11	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Coffee served after morning Masses
Tues., Feb. 13	7:30PM RCIA – Rm. A 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Feb. 14	7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church
Thurs., Feb. 15	6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Feb. 16	1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
Sat., Feb. 17	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Feb. 18	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Baptisms after the 11:15 Mass 2:00PM Ottawa Foyers Partage AGM – held in the parish hall

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, Jesse Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Eveline Lavoié, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Deacon Bruce

McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee **-relatives–** Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbitskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Deanne Ellis and Mark Walker

Pastor's Column...

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

The true philosopher that he was, Socrates believed that the wise person would instinctively lead a frugal life. He himself would not even wear shoes, yet he constantly felt under the spell of market place and would go there often to look at all the wares on display. When one of his friends asked why, Socrates said, "I have to go there and discover how many things I am perfectly happy without."

As we listen to the Sermon on the Mount, count on how many ways we are blessed everyday of our lives. If I am blessed with social security, health, family and friends, than I am rich. All persons are not equal. Some are privileged by birth or by acquisition. So some are blessed and others are not. But ultimately where does it come from? When I acknowledge the source of my blessedness, then indeed I am a poor of Yahweh. That means I am rich but I am poor in spirit!! That is the good news about the Beatitude.

The poor think they will be happy when they become rich. The rich think they will be happy when they get rid of their ulcers.

God bless you,
Fr. Lukose

WELCOME BACK!! Welcome back to Fr. James Raphael after his holiday in India and Rome. It is time to cool off the excitement in Canadian winter! We also welcome back Deacon John Kennedy and his wife, Sue after a successful mission in Haiti for a month.

Thought for Food

The food banks are in need of canned soup, fish, luncheon meats, cereals, a variety of pasta and sauces. Please help by picking up some extra non-perishable foods to help the food banks replenish their stock.

Parish News and Community Life...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual **PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after all morning Masses on **Sunday, February 25**. Tickets will be \$3 each with a maximum cost per family of \$10 and will be available after all Masses. (Sponsored by the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus)

HOLY CROSS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY will be on Saturday, March 17 in the parish hall. The social starts at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. All are welcome please wear some green and enjoy the delicious Irish stew. (Sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to attend the Annual General Meeting of Ottawa Foyers Partage on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 pm in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE: The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council's regular general meeting has been **changed from Wednesday, February 21 to Wednesday, February 28**. It will start at 7:30 p.m. and following the meeting ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to hear Fr. Martin Farrell of the Dominican University College speak on "*Sexual Abuse Crisis – Why the Silence in the higher reaches of the Church?*" at **8:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

PASTORAL CARE

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – In 1992, Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick. Today's celebration has a rich history. In 1558, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a peasant girl named Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes and told her to drink the water flowing in the grotto. As people experienced the healing power of the water, Lourdes became a famous shrine for healing. Please keep the sick and the Pastoral Care of Holy Cross Parish in our prayers today.

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM: The basic course begins on Monday, March 05 in the afternoons or evenings at Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Rd. There are still openings. For more information call Verna Nuttall at 613-821-2744.

THE PASTORAL TEAM is available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to any parishioner who requests our services. Please call Alex Howard 613-523-4694 or the Parish office.

YOUTH CORNER

DID YOU KNOW that our Diocesan Youth Ministry has a website? It has information on parish youth ministries, diocesan events, training, youth movements, crazy captions and much more! For more information visit our website at www.ottawacatholicyouth.com.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Many have heard about John Newton, 18th century slave trader but it is still a fascinating story. For a number of years in the mid 18th century, John Newton captained a ship that transported slaves from Africa to North America. Eventually undergoing a conversion, he abandoned the slave trade, went into the ministry in England and became involved in the movement to abolish the slave trade. He also composed "Amazing Grace" one of the world's most popular hymns. In 1807 Parliament passed legislation banning the slave trade in the British Empire; slavery itself however was not abolished until 1834. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the end of the slave trade, churches around the globe will be singing "Amazing Grace" on Sunday February 18. An interesting read on the struggle to end slavery is "Bury the Chains" by Adam Hochschild. It is estimated that 27 million men, women and children around the world are still in slavery of various forms. Students and staff from St. Mark H.S. will visit the Dominican Republic in mid-March and once again will be taking used shoes, especially children's sizes. Shoes can be placed under the MPD table at the back of the church. Our Angel Makers meet this Friday, February 16 in room A at 1 p.m.

Other items of interest...

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT: Who are we in Relationship with the Other Great Religions of the World? Presenters: Prof Fabrice Blée, Saint Paul University. Saturday, March 03. Cost: \$15. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn. For information call Carol at 613-738-5025 ext 251 or ckuzmochka@ecclesia-ottawa.org. For registrations email abrown@ecclesia-ottawa.org or call 613-738-5025 ext 217.

THE NEXT OTTAWA WOMEN'S CURSILLO is set for March 15-18. Cursillo Weekend is a short course in Christianity. It's a most enjoyable occasion to reflect on where you are going, renew your priorities and adopt practical tools to help you on your faith journey. For more Information call Garrett Patterson at 613-247-9944, or email GarrettPatterson@Canada.com or visit the website at www.ottawacursillo.ca.

MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH: For the healing of the Nation of Canada. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Kane. Talk on Divine Mercy given by Father Dan Dubroy. March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly. For more information contact forthegloryofgod-ottawa@rogers.com.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Held at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place on Friday, May 18 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information and to register please call Deacon Paul Coderre, Coordinator, Family Ministries at 613-738-5025 ext. 222 or deaconpaul@ecclesia-ottawa.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: During the winter months, snow and ice tend to build up on the roof of the Church and when the weather conditions turn mild, the snow and/or ice slides off. We are asking all parishioners to please be cautious when entering all entrances of the building and to please watch for ice build-up on the ground.
