



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18 FEBRUARY 2007

**“...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...”**

(Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 26; 1 Corinthians 15:45-50; Luke 6:27-38)

Announced mass intentions...

- Sat., Feb. 17 5:00PM Mass – Audrey Hester+
Vincent Taillon+
- Sun., Feb. 18 **7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
11:15AM Mass – Angelina Girard (Ivg)
7:30PM Mass
- Mon., Feb. 19 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Feb. 20 12:15PM Mass – Patrick Mitchell+
- Wed., Feb. 21 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
9:40AM Liturgy of the Word – with the
imposition of Ashes for Holy Cross School – Church
12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes
Arlette Souza da Silva+
7:00PM **Mass** with the imposition of Ashes
- Thurs., Feb. 22 12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Feb. 23 12:15PM Mass
- Sat., Feb. 24 5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+
- Sun., Feb. 25 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Barbara Burke+
11:15AM Mass – Luciano Montelero (Ivg)
In Thanksgiving
Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

- 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 a.m. Mass
2:00PM Ottawa Foyers Partage AGM
- Tues., Feb. 20 7:00PM Finance – Rm. A
7:30PM RCIA – Library
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Thurs., Feb. 22 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:00PM Come Join Us at The Table #3
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Feb. 23 7:00PM Stations of the Cross lead by
MPD and Pastoral Council
- Sat., Feb. 24 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Feb. 25 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses – Parish hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Francis and Barbara Cullinan, 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 Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Margaret McClory, 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), Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), 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 Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Mary McClory (sister-in-law of Susan), 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)

-the deceased- Elizabeth MacEwan+ (mother of Joanne MacEwan)

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

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

February 11 – \$4,938.43 (env) / \$667 (loose)

Pastor's Column...

Dear Parishioners,
After a month of vacationing in India, I am back at Holy Cross to be with you, dear parishioners. I had a wonderful time with my mother and all other family members. I would also like to inform you all on just how delighted the residents at both the Sumanahalli Leprosy Centre and the Sneha Jyothi Blind Centre for the gift that you sent through me. I cannot express their sentiments of gratitude to Holy Cross Parishioners in mere words. They all send you lots and lots of greetings and well wishes.

Thank you for your prayers and support in making my vacation a safe and enjoyable one. Now I am at your disposal. Let us together prepare for the season of Lent and build up our Parish Community with more and more virtues. I thank Fr. Lukose and the Office Staff and the Committee

Members as well as all the volunteers who looked after the parish so well during my absence.

With lots of love from my family and the Claretian Province in India.

Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

HOLY CROSS' LENTEN MISSION

Theme: "**KAIROS—The Time is Now...**"

Preacher: Fr. Paulson Varkey Veliyanoor CMF from San Gabriel Mission in California.

Wednesday, March 07 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.): "*The Eucharist as Sacrament: The Source and Summit of Christian Faith.*"—Starts with Holy Mass.

Thursday, March 08 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.): "*The Eucharist as Service: Our Christian Missionary Mandate*"—No Holy Mass, session ends with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, March 09 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.): "*Repentance and Reconciliation: The Time is Now!*"—No Holy Mass, the session ends with Parish Reconciliation Service.

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 to cover the expenses of the Preacher.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **February 21**. For the convenience of the Parishioners, two Masses will be celebrated with the distribution of ashes at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. All are welcome to participate. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: As we await the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we must prepare ourselves for this very holy time of year. All parishioners (young and old) are welcomed to join in celebrating the life and death of Christ through the Stations of the Cross held each Friday through Lent (please see 'event calendar' for times). Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

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)

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

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. If you are interested in pastoral care ministry at Holy Cross please make an appointment to meet with our Pastor and Team Coordinator by calling Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

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.

RCIA

RITE OF ELECTION and Rite of Calling Candidates to Lenten Renewal will be celebrated on Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral for all the Candidates of the whole diocese of Ottawa. Mark and Deanne will be there. It is a beautiful ceremony and all parishioners are invited.

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

Today is both KAIROS Sunday and Amazing Grace Sunday. Kairos, Greek: a moment of crisis or opportunity, a time to act in hope. KAIROS is also a Canadian organization of 11 churches, the Catholic Church being one that works for social justice. KAIROS operates on a broad range of social issues while supporting anti-poverty initiatives in Canada and social change groups in the Global South. Our own social justice NGO, Development and Peace works in collaboration with KAIROS. For more about the organization, see their web site www.kairoscanada.org. Not only is February Black History Month, but today is Amazing Grace Sunday. Today, to commemorate the abolition of the slave trade in 1807, Churches around the globe are singing the hymn Amazing Grace. The hymn was composed by former slave ship captain turned anti-slavery crusader, John Newton. Our MPD Lenten Food Drive this year will be held on the weekend of March 03/04.

Other items of interest...

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES...

Will continue next week