



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 25 FEBRUARY 2007

**“Jesus answered him, “It is said,
‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”**

(Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13)

Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Feb. 24	5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+ Mercedes Lomba Martinez+
Sun., Feb. 25	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass – Mary McAuley+ 9:30AM Mass – Barbara Burke+ 11:15AM Mass – Luciano Montelano (lvg) In Thanksgiving Souls in Purgatory 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Mon., Feb. 26	12:15PM NO Mass
Tues., Feb. 27	9:00AM Mass for Holy Family School – held in the school gym 12:15PM Mass
Wed., Feb. 28	12:15PM Mass – Rolland A. Baizana+
Thurs., Mar. 01	9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge 12:15PM Mass
Fri., Mar. 02	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Barbara Costanza (lvg)
Sat., Mar. 03	5:00PM Mass
Sun., Mar. 04	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+ 9:30AM Mass 11:15AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory Alice Des Grosse Ilierst+ 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

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
Tues., Feb. 27	7:30PM RCIA – Rm. A 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Feb. 28	7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A 7:30PM Choir (7:30) Practice – Church 7:30PM K of C General Meeting – Hall
Thurs., Mar. 01	6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Mar. 02	1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS – lead by the Youth
Sat., Mar. 03	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Mar. 04	9:30AM Children's Liturgy MPD – FOOD DRIVE at all the Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Francis and Barbara Cullinan, 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 Lorbetzkie (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)

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

Pastor's Column...

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Jesus is tempted and so are we today. We are confronted with Satan, the Hinderer in all the areas of our lives: income, security, daily needs, and the use of the world's resources. We must resist the powers and the glory of the kingdoms of the world: military might, prestige, selfishness, wealth, greed/avarice of resources and people, economic and political injustices, lies, lack of responsibility for choices. And we must refuse to be mastered by any sin; self-righteousness, thinking we're okay, we're trying and it is others who are the problem; or that if we do outward religious works we will be protected from harm. It is time to face the reality that we must live on the Word, adore the Trinity alone, and not test God, but bow in submission to God's will.

THERE WILL BE **ADORATION** at 11 a.m. every Friday during Lent before the 12:15 noon Mass. All parishioners (young and old) are also welcomed to join in celebrating the life and death of Christ through the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** held every Friday through Lent (please see 'event calendar' for times).

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.

Parish News and Community Life...

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS—DATE CHANGE: For those children who are registered for the sacraments please note that **FIRST RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN CHANGED** from Tuesday, March 06 to **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Church.

THE **2006 TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up at the back of the Church.

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. Then a six member band (Swing Bridge) will play from 8 – 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. All are welcome...wear some green and enjoy delicious Irish stew and dance the night away with the Swing Bridge Band. (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

The staff and students involved in the DREAM TEAM (Dominican Republic Experience at Mac) at Immaculata High School would like to thank Holy Cross Parish for allowing us to speak to you about our journey to a developing country. We are overwhelmed by your support for the people of the Dominican Republic. Together you raised a grand total of \$1,565. Amazing! I have been a member of this parish for many years and I told our group how generous you are. Once again, you came through and proved me right. Thanks so much! Kaitlyn Duthie-Kannikkatt

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PLEASE NOTE the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council's General Meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 28** starting 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 PRAYER: Please join us and the other congregations of Ottawa South at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Alta Vista Dr. next Friday, March 02 at 2 p.m. The service is written by the women of Paraguay and the theme is

"**United Under God's Tent**". The Ambassador of Paraguay and his wife will join us in prayer. Refreshments will be served after the service.

FOR PASTORAL CARE ASSISTANCE please call Alex Howard at 613-523-4694 or Margaret Fitzgerald at 613-739-7599.

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.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Lent has been for centuries in Christian tradition, a time of prayer, sacrifice and giving to those in need. In answer to the 1967 Papal encyclical "The Development of Peoples", the Canadian Catholic Bishops formed the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P). Again this Lenten season, we will be using D&P educational material as a Lenten focus. A particularly appropriate form of giving is the Share lent collection for D&P on Solidarity Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent.

OUR SPRING FOOD DRIVE for local food banks takes place next weekend March 03/04, the Second Sunday of Lent.

OUR ANGEL MAKERS meet March 02, 16 and 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. in room A.

The MPD committee meets Tuesday March 06 at 7:30 p.m.

"God will deliver from bondage all those who believe in His promises." (Luke 4:1-13)

DID YOU KNOW?

SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

17. The Russian Byzantine Catholic Church

The Communist Revolution and the Russian Orthodox Church have kept the Russian Byzantine Catholic Communities suppressed. This Church traces its institutional origin back to the second half of the nineteenth century in Russia where the philosopher of Vladimir Soloviev (1853 – 1900) had fostered an active interest in the notions of the universality of the Church and Church unity.

The 1st World War and the ensuing Russian Revolutions of March and October, 1917 followed by the Civil War brought upheaval among the several thousands of Russian Catholics. The fall of the Czarist Government and the subsequent grant by the Provisional Government of religious rights to all, enabled the Russian Catholics to establish themselves and organize more formally.

The rebirth of Russian Byzantine Catholics is the result of hard labours by many good souls. Pope John II beatified two of them (Leonid and Kliment) during his visit to Ukraine. There are four Russian Catholic Parishes established in the US, Canada and Australia.

Nest week: The Ruthenian Eastern Catholic Church