



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 03 FEBRUARY 2008

**“Blessed are you...  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...”**

(Today's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12)

### ***Announced Mass intentions...***

Sat., Feb 02 5:00PM Mass – Gertrude Kennedy+

Sun., Feb. 03 **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+  
 David D’Almeida+  
 Roy Hardy+  
 9:30AM Mass – Marcel Berry+  
 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 7:30PM Mass – Evelyn McIntyre+

Mon., Feb. 04 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Feb. 05 9:30AM Mass

Wed., Feb. 06 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes  
 Benigno Divina+  
 7:00PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes

Thurs., Feb. 07 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
 Billings Lodge  
 12:15PM Mass – Molly Belanger+

Fri., Feb. 08 12:15PM Mass – Lawrence Fowler+

Sat., Feb. 09 5:00PM Mass – Raymond Fraser+

Sun., Feb. 10 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+  
 9:30AM Mass – Rosa Testa+  
 11:15AM Mass – Polly Vail+  
 Jelisaveta Nova Kovic-Jela+  
 Brent Maurice+  
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

### ***Events Calendar***

Sat., Feb. 02 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 03 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 Pancake Breakfast – after all morning Masses

Mon., Feb. 04 7:00PM K of C Executive meeting

Tues., Feb. 05 7:15PM MPD – Rm. A  
 8:00PM AA – Hall

Wed., Feb. 06 7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Rm. A

Thurs., Feb. 07 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
 7:00PM Come Join Us At The Table #3  
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Feb. 08 7:00PM Stations of The Cross – Church

Sat., Feb. 09 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 10 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

### **We remember in our prayers the sick...**

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Marie Claire Grandbois, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Reg MacDonald, Odette MacKinnon, Romeo

Maione, Margaret McClory, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron, Grace Reid, Margaret Ross, Ray & Betty Valin, Sherri Vallee

**-relatives-** Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Dan Greenwood (son-in-law of Peggy Soutar), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Margaret Kent (mother of Madonna Ozorio), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Fr. Dan Sedlar (brother-in-law of Santa), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry Vullings)

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### **COLLECTION REPORT**

*~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~*

27 January - \$4,534.13 (env.) / \$784.98 (loose)

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### ***Pastor’s Column...***

#### **THE BEATITUDES**

There are two distinctive elements in Jesus’ beatitudes. First, he says being poor constitutes true honour! Second, the passive voice in each beatitude – “will be comforted,” “be filled,” etc. – which is called the ‘theological or divine passive voice’ is a strategy by the Jews to avoid saying the name of God. Those who engage in social protest (mourning and fasting) will be comforted by whom? By God of course! In Jesus’ view, true honour and esteem are determined and bestowed by God, very publicly, for all to see. And the things that God considers truly honourable and worthy and praise are almost always the opposite of what we normally think.

#### **FEBRUARY 06—ASH WEDNESDAY**

With Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting.

Parishioners are reminded that Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and fasting. During the Lenten Season, we will have the Stations of the Cross on every Friday, starting at 7 p.m. 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. All are Welcome.

Friday, February 08 – Parish Pastoral Council

Friday, February 15 – MPD

Friday, February 22 – Youth Group

Friday, February 29 – Liturgy  
Friday, March 07 – Pastoral Care/Bereavement  
Friday, March 14 – Knights of Columbus  
Friday, March 21 – Fr. James & Fr. Lukose

**BRAVO** to Holy Cross' Youth Group for your wonderful Spaghetti Dinner. Together you can make a difference in the parish!

God bless,  
Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

### *Parish News and Community Life...*

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **February 06**. For the convenience of the Parishioner, two Masses will be celebrated with the imposition 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.

**PARISH MISSION AT ST. BERNARD PARISH**, 1720 St. Bernard St.: February 02 – February 06, conducted by Rev. Eugene 'Red' O'Reilly, C.Ss.R. For detail see poster on bulletin board at back of Church.

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU...Are you a licensed electrician, plumber, carpenter or handyman?** We would like to gather a list of parishioners who can be called upon to complete minor electrical work, plumbing repairs and other small jobs around the parish whenever necessary. If you would be willing to help out once in a while, call the office at 613-731-7834 or email us at office@holycrossparish.com.

The **Building Committee** is responsible for the identification of the needs of our church building, the planning of repairs and renovations that will ensure that our parish remains clean, safe, and energy efficient. We need your help...if you are knowledgeable in the heating and ventilation, electrical, plumbing, masonry or carpentry fields, or are experienced in project management and planning you may be just the right person to join us. Please call the parish office at 613-731-7834 or email at office@holycrossparish.com.

### LIBRARY

We invite you to browse the books in the parish library. Meditation/Prayer have a BLUE stripe. Lent/Easter have a RED stripe. Checkout a book...improve your spiritual life!

### PASTORAL CARE

**GOOD NEWS! WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20** is designated **PASTORAL DAY**. We are teaming up with the Knights of Columbus and at 8:30 p.m. Deacon Rick McLellan, a member of the Adult Faith Development Advisory Committee, who is in charge of the permanent diaconate in the English sector will be our facilitator to view the DVD, **"Turning the Tide."** This superb DVD, 29 minutes in length, raises the central issues about how EUTHANASIA and assisted suicide affect society. There will be a discussion period. Light refreshments will also follow. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast is encouraging us to view this important DVD, so we encourage all parishioners to attend. Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Please call Margaret Fitzgerald at 613-739-7599.

### YOUTH CORNER

**GRAZIE! THANK YOU!!** The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who attended the **SOLD-OUT PARISH**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER.** The event was a huge success, raising over \$2,000 for NET Ministries and the World Youth Day Pilgrimage Australia fund. A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Fr. James and Fr. Lukose for their support and guidance, to the Knights of Columbus who donated \$200 towards the food expenses and to the Hospitality for donating the ground beef to make the meatballs and to all those who donated items towards the gift baskets which were raffled-off at the event. We greatly appreciate all your support towards the Youth of Holy Cross!

### *Social Action...*

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Our MPD committee will meet on Tuesday, February 05 at 7:15 p.m. in room A. In addition to other issues, we will be discussing preparations for Share Lent '08 and confirming the date for our spring food drive. Receptacles are now available at the back of the church for used postage stamps. They are forwarded to Development and Peace in Montreal to assist their work.

Our ANGEL MAKERS meet again on Friday, February 15. The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR OTTAWA FOYERS PARTAGE will be on Sunday, February 24 from 1-3 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP—Tip of the Week:**

We are called to be authentic Christians dedicated to building God's Kingdom on Earth. On the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us how to build that Kingdom. For example, Jesus says, *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"*. The meek do not seek ownership, power and profits at the expense of life on our planet. Rather, the meek display strength through gentle kindness and humility. One who is humble is open to deeper understandings of our connection with all of Creation and our need for conversion to an attitude of life-giving meekness. We then shall truly inherit the earth. This week's tip—take time to reflect on the Beatitudes.

#### **SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. JOHN BOSCO**

#### **Feast Day – January 31**

St. John Bosco was a prophetic dreamer. At the age of nine he had a vision of Mary showing him his vocation as a priestly leader of poor boys. Throughout the rest of his life, he was guided by his dreams. In fact, later in life he sometimes discerned the state of the souls of the boys at his schools through dreams. Often he dreamed of new projects and missionary work, and even though he seldom had the funds, he began the work, trusting that God would provide.

God always did provide. At the end of his life, Father Bosco, or Don Bosco as he was called, had founded the Salesians, now one of the largest religious orders in the world.

Although our dreams may never be as prophetic as Don Bosco's, all dreams come with a message. When we pay attention to our dreams, we gain insight into our deepest desires and aspirations.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**