



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 10 FEBRUARY 2008

**“Away with you....for it is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”**

(Today's Readings: Gen 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11)

Announced Mass intentions...

- Sat., Feb 09 5:00PM Mass – Raymond Fraser+
- Sun., Feb. 10 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+
 Jacob Kramers+
 9:30AM Mass – Rosa Testa+
 11:15AM Mass – Polly Vail+
 Jelisaveta Nova Kovic-Jela+
 Brent Maurice+
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Feb. 11 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Feb. 12 9:30AM Mass – Jean-Claude Gaudreault+
- Wed., Feb. 13 12:15PM Mass – Tom Graham+
 Mathew Pulickal+
- Thurs., Feb. 14 9:00AM Communion Service held at
 Billings Lodge
 10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court
 12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Feb. 15 12:15PM Mass – Hans & Hedel Friese+
- Sat., Feb. 16 5:00PM Mass – Eleanor Spafford+
 Connie & Vincent Melford+
- Sun., Feb. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8:00AM Mass – Ursula McKenney+
 9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
 11:15AM Mass – Abelardo Bartolome+
 7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

- Sat., Feb. 09 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Feb. 10 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
- Tues., Feb. 12 8:00PM AA – Hall
- Wed., Feb. 13 7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Feb. 14 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Feb. 15 1:00PM Angel Makers – Rm. A
 7:00PM Stations of The Cross – Church
- Sat., Feb. 16 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
 4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Feb. 17 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
 12:30PM Baptism – Church

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Lorette 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, Joan St. Louis, 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 Sarcevich), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), 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)

-the deceased- Janet Helie+ (sister of Edwina Laturus), Charles (Monty) Kerr+ (brother of Maureen Pinsonneault)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

03 February - \$4,804.42 (env.) / \$601.97 (loose)

Pastor's Column...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We begin Lent knowing we must choose: to live in the freedom of the children of God, as we vowed at our baptisms, or we can choose the powers of evil rife in the world around us that hinders us all from living as God's children. And we can even use religion to protect us from becoming what we were born to be, using our relationship with God to fend off suffering and death which is part of being mortal, created by God or we can obey the Word of God, with Jesus, accepting and making holy even suffering and death, trusting that our God is the God of life who will be with us through all things. Today let us pray: *“Father, give us your Spirit in the Word of Scripture so that we might obey, with Jesus and live our lives in your freedom of grace and truth, bringing your kingdom of justice and peace into our world.”*

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

FIRST RECONCILIATION: For those children who are registered for the sacraments, **First Reconciliation** is on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 at 7 p.m.** in the Church.

IN MEMORY OF... Consider making a donation towards our **EASTER FLOWERS** this year in memory of a deceased loved one. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church to take your donations **until March 09**. The names of your deceased loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help peel potatoes on Monday afternoons. If you are able to share a couple of hours each month to help the Potato Peelers, please call Diana at 613-744-6315.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are reminded that the regular general meeting is February 20 at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting, a presentation in conjunction with the Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council will be presenting, "Turning the Tide - Dignity, Compassion and Euthanasia", with guest speaker Deacon Rick McLellan. All are welcome to hear his talk at 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest involved the participation of 461 students from eight schools in south Ottawa. To see the posters, please visit: <http://influence.tiged.org/kc-rcmp-poster>.

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

LET'S TALK YOUTH – DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN OTTAWA: Youth and youth leaders from all Catholic movements, schools and parishes will have an opportunity to bring forward their ideas for Catholic Youth Ministry in our Nation's Capital, on Saturday February 16 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. *What should we do more of, in terms of evangelization and fellowship and how can we work together? What kinds of improvements can we make to the existing programs and retreats? How can we connect with more youth?* These are but a few questions seeking your discussions, prayers, and responses. Everyone is invited!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: On **Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m.** at Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill (Dow's Lake), **Archbishop Terrence Prendergast** will share some reflections on the importance of the Eucharistic Congress for Canada, the centrality of the Eucharist in the spirituality of the Catholic and in his own life as a priest and bishop. If you are interested in learning more about and discussing issues concerning our faith today, in a casual relaxed atmosphere, then Theology on Tap is for you!! All are welcome.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Elizabeth Lamarche spoke of her recent volunteer work at Kasisi Children's Home in Zambia. She also was able to report on Thandizo Day Care and Mother of Mercy Hospice,

the three care homes that our African AIDS Angels Project supports in Zambia. Elizabeth reassured us that our assistance is very much needed and appreciated at all three places and that the funds we send are used judiciously. The committee approved grants from the Angel Project for Mother of Mercy (\$4000), Kasisi (\$2500) and Thandizo (\$2500). The annual Share Lent collection will be taking place in the next few weeks. Share Lent is the main fund-raising effort of Development and Peace, the social justice program supported by the Canadian Bishops. Two documentary films "A Generation of Orphans" and "Women: The Face of AIDS" will be shown Wednesday, February 13 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Library/Archives, 395 Wellington, free admission. Please join MPD for the Stations on Friday, February 15.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week

In the 1967 movie *The Graduate*, Mr. McGuire (Dustin Hoffman) uttered the memorable word, "*Plastics*" to signify a great investment opportunity. At this week's MPD meeting, Walter Fobes uttered the words "*Plastic bags*" when the group was asked to identify a great ecological problem of the day. Over 100 billion plastic shopping bags are thrown away in North America each year, mostly after being used for just three minutes. That is a waste of 12 million barrels of oil, a non-renewable resource. The bags take 1000 years to decompose. They pollute by leaching into soil and water, killing land and sea creatures. *Bring your own bag when you go shopping, preferably one made of recycled materials.*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Feast Day – February 11

On this day in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared for the first time to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Eighteen times between February and July, the Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette, the last time telling her, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Today the shrine at Lourdes is one of the most visited Marian sites in the world.

When Bernadette told of her visions, she described a young woman dressed in white with a rosary draped over her arm. She also mentioned that the lady did not use the informal *tu* when she spoke, but the more polite and respectful *vous*. Since Bernadette was the daughter of poor peasants, the formal form of address was all the more impressive to her.

When we are around people whom we consider our equals, it's easy to be respectful. When we are dealing with those we consider inferior, it can be tempting to act just a wee bit supercilious. Anyone who has ever been a waiter knows what it feels like to be on the receiving end of such false superiority. Regardless of our status, we are called to treat every one we encounter with equal respect. We are to accord the street person begging for a handout the same courtesy we would the president.

Being respectful serves a dual purpose: first, it gives the other person their rightful due; second, it ensures that we constantly exercise the virtue of humility.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

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