



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 17 FEBRUARY 2008

**“...This is my Son, the Beloved;  
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”**

(Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9)

### *Announced Mass intentions...*

Sat., Feb 16 5:00PM Mass – Eleanor Spafford+  
Connie & Vincent Melford+

Sun., Feb. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Ursula McKenny+  
Jacob Kramers+  
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+  
11:15AM Mass – Abelardo Bartolome+  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., Feb. 18 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Feb. 19 9:30AM Mass – Angelina Girard (Ivg)

Wed., Feb. 20 12:15PM Mass – Joe Corda+

Thurs., Feb. 21 9:00AM Mass held at Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Mike Patry (Ivg)

Fri., Feb. 22 12:15PM Mass – Barbara Costanza (Ivg)

Sat., Feb. 23 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Feb. 24 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
Ashley Hibbard+  
11:15AM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+  
7:30PM Mass

### *Events Calendar*

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

Mon., Feb 18 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues., Feb. 19 7:00PM Finance – Rm. A  
8:00PM AA – Hall

Wed., Feb. 20 7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall  
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Feb. 21 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
7:00PM Come Join Us at The Table #4  
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Feb. 22 7:00PM Stations of The Cross followed  
by Adoration – Church

Sat., Feb. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 24 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
1:00PM Ottawa Foyers Partage AGM-Hall

### **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, 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 Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), 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 ~

10 February - \$4,526.92 (env.) / \$746.21 (loose)

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### *Pastor's Column...*

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION

The transfiguration experience at the top of the mount is an affirmation to Jesus and company to go ahead. It is also a reminder that glory and cross are both realities. There are moments of glory to re-create us, a tying together of all the loose ends. There is that irresistible desire to remain in that glorious presence. We certainly need to capitalise on those great moments and trust in Him completely and let go of or desire for earthly glory.

A call to an inner transfiguration is the deeper meaning of Lent. Over the mountain *JESUS'* appearance was changed, *HIS* face shone...It all happened to *HIM*. The invitation is that *WE* must begin to change than expecting the world around us to change. We must be the change that we want to see in the world. Perhaps Jesus is telling us, "*Do not dwell too much on my transfiguration, begin to work on your own.*"

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...**We are accepting donation towards our **EASTER FLOWERS** this year in memory of a deceased loved one. Special envelopes may be found in the pews to take your donations **until March 09**. The names of your deceased loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.

**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, please call the parish 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 and the planning of repairs and renovations that will ensure that our parish remains clean, safe, and energy efficient. We need your help to do that. 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. If you would like to help out please call the parish office at 613.731.7834 or email at office@holycrossparish.com.

**PARISH WEBSITE**—Forget to pickup a bulletin or trying to remember details of an upcoming parish event? Visit our website at [www.holycrossparish.com](http://www.holycrossparish.com) for all your parish news, events, and activities. If you have something that you'd like to see on the site, use the contact form to let us know and help improve your parish website.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus' regular general meeting is on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting at 8:30 in conjunction with Pastoral Care, we will view a DVD called "Turning the Tide. All are welcome.

#### PASTORAL CARE

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20** at 8:30 p.m. as we are teaming up with the Knights of Columbus. Guest speaker Deacon Rick McLellan will be our facilitator to view the DVD, "*Turning the Tide*" which raises the central issues about how EUTHANASIA and ASSISTED SUICIDE affect society. There will be a discussion period. All are welcome.

**PASTORAL CARE SPRING COURSE 2008** begins Monday, March 03 and ends May 05 at the Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Rd. If interested call the office at 613-731-7834.

OUR PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Call Margaret Fitzgerald at 613-739-7599.

#### PRAXIS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Annual General Meeting of Ottawa Foyers Partage takes place on Sunday, February 24 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall.

**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.

#### YOUTH CORNER

**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

Commitment to the social justice concept of Fair Trade is spreading widely in North America. Sales of Fair Trade coffee alone in Canada have risen about 50% every year since 2002. Now, buying Fair Trade food items such as coffee and chocolate in our own neighbourhood is easier than ever. Among the many local stores selling Fair Trade products are Country Grocer, A & P, Rogers Independent Grocer, Loeb South Keys and the Patisserie Francaise in Towngate Plaza. Each time we buy one of these Fair Trade products, we help reduce world poverty by paying a fair price to improve the livelihood and labour conditions of workers in the developing south with families just like us.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week**

Increasingly people of faith are heeding the call to serve as Stewards of Creation. In one of its publications, the Church of England raised the question, "*How many light bulbs does it take to change a Christian?*" The answer – every step we take that contributes to ethical use of energy and resources help transform us as Christians living our faith. One way of finding out our personal impact on the environment is to take the Ecological Footprint Quiz found on the Earth Day website ([www.earthday.net/footprint/](http://www.earthday.net/footprint/)). Take the online quiz and you will find an estimate as to how many planet Earths it would take to support humanity if everyone lived your given lifestyle.

#### **SAINT OF THE WEEK**

#### **ST. VALENTINE**

#### **Feast Day – February 14**

Only two saints—Valentine and Patrick—have their own feast days listed on ordinary calendars. Ironically, we know almost nothing about the real St. Valentine except that he was a Roman priest who was martyred for his faith. Why a celibate priest should be associated with love and lovers since as far back as Chaucer's time is a good question. For whatever the reason, Valentine's name has become virtually synonymous with expressions of affection.

Although we may not understand why a priest is the patron of lovers, it's easy to know why we have a saint especially assigned to the virtue of love. Love is an essential ingredient for life. Experiments have demonstrated that infants who are provided with adequate food and warmth but denied human contact and affection will literally die. Even plants and animals respond positively to love. In fact, love might be said to be the life blood of all creation. Although the astronomer Carl Sagan calls us "star stuff," we are more than that: We are love.

One of the immutable laws of the universe is that the more we love, the more we will be loved. If we try to hoard our love, we will end up with nothing, for love cannot exist in the same space as possessiveness, dependency, or selfishness. The very essence of love demands that we give it away.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

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