



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 24 FEBRUARY 2008

**“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe,
for we have heard for ourselves, and we know
that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”**

(Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42)

Announced Mass intentions...

Sat., Feb 23 5:00PM Mass – Gertrude Kennedy+

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

Mon., Feb. 25 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Feb. 26 9:30AM Mass – Francis Jeyanandakumar+

Wed., Feb. 27 12:15PM Mass – Roger Patry (lvg)

Thurs., Feb. 28 9:00AM Mass held at Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Anne McCarthy+

Fri., Feb. 29 12:15PM Mass

Sat., Mar. 01 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Mar. 02 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
9:30AM Mass – Holly Costanza (lvg)
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioner
7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

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

Tues., Feb. 26 7:00PM **First Reconciliation** – Church
8:00PM AA – Hall

Wed., Feb. 27 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Feb. 28 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Feb. 29 1:00PM Angel Makers – Rm. A
7:00PM Stations of The Cross – Church

Sat., Mar. 01 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Mar. 02 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
MPD Food Drive at all the Masses

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, Barbara Moore, 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), 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)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

17 February - \$4,814.16 (env.) / \$982.75 (loose)

Pastor's Column...

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Our God is a personal God, who is interested in our day today activates, our ordinary lives. John's Gospel specially explains this personal relationship between God and his people. He relates God as the source of water—something that we need daily, not only once but many times. The Samaritan woman encounters Jesus personally. Jesus takes interest in her personal and private life. She feels touched somewhere deep within by someone who knows her through and through. She cannot but feel like going and sharing that encounter with others—in turn bringing many to the knowledge of Jesus.

Jesus calls us for a personal encounter with him—to feel him personal—to experience the forgiveness and healing. Then we will be able to exclaim: *“I no longer believe because of you, for I have personally experienced that Jesus is the Saviour of the world.”*

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FROM ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST: Reflection on Sunday scripture available on diocesan website www.catholicottawa.ca on Saturday (link is in the text of the announcement). People are invited and encouraged to use it for personal reflection or in small group reflection (link to process is available).

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.

Consider making a **DONATION TOWARDS OUR EASTER FLOWERS** this year in memory of a deceased loved one.

Special envelopes are available in the pews and 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 insert.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Our Ministry always welcomes new Lectors (Readers & Announcers). If you have an interest in Scripture and would like to share your public reading talents with the Parish, please come to our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 04, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. We provide training and support. For information call Bob Laird 613-731-4304.

2007 TAX RECEIPTS are available at the back of the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE: Saturday, March 15, our social starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15 per ticket. The delicious Lamb and Beef Irish Stew will be prepared by the Hospitality Committee. Dancing music provided by "Swing Bridge Band". Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of February 23 & 24; March 01 & 02 and March 08 & 09. Due to popular demand there may not be any tickets available at the door so be sure to get yours early.

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE MEETING will be on Wednesday, March 05 at 7 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE will be leading us in the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday, March 07 at 7 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2008 will be hosted by the Salvation Army, Ottawa Citadel 1350 Walkley Rd., on Saturday, March 08 at 11 a.m. The country of Guyana will be celebrated. Simone Larouche will represent Holy Cross.

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

The Annual General Meeting of Ottawa Foyers Partage takes place this Sunday, February 24 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

YOUTH CORNER

THEOLOGY ON TAP: On **Tuesday, March 04 at 7 p.m.** at Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill (Dow's Lake). Guest speaker **Fr. Martin Hilbert** of the Toronto Oratory will speak on "**Intelligent Design / Evolution**". For more information visit the website at www.ottawa-theologyontap.com.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Our **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE** will take place next weekend March 01/02.

Thank you for recent donations of used stamps. The stamps are forwarded to Development & Peace where they are sorted by volunteers then sold. The proceeds go to the relief and development work of D&P, the social justice NGO of the Canadian Catholic Church. Receptacles for stamps are at the MPD table at the back. The annual Share Lent collection for D&P will take place on Solidarity Sunday which is two weeks away. MPD meets Tuesday, March 04 at 7:30 p.m. and Angel's meet Friday, February 29 at 1 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week

"Peak oil is already behind us," says noted energy investment banker Matthew Simmons. This means that we have reached the point in time when the extraction of oil has reached its highest point and has begun to decline due to depletion. Last Tuesday the price of a barrel of oil exceeded \$100, a "bargain" compared to what is coming. Furthermore, extracting oil from the Alberta tar sands requires a great deal of energy and causes the destruction of our native boreal forests while creating significant increases in greenhouse gases. What can we do as Stewards of Creation? Purchase a car that gets excellent mileage and avoid those that don't. Drive less. Don't idle.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 05 at 7 p.m.

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast invites all the faithful for the **Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY** – 20 March at 8:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY** – 21 March – Children's Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. and the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. A Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. The collection is taken for the Holy Land.

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

****HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass** – 22 March at 8:00 p.m. – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story.

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, March 23 – 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. There will be **NO** evening Mass.

****NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. POLYCARP

St. Polycarp was one of the earliest leaders of the Christian Church. Taught directly by St. John the Evangelist, he himself trained many famous disciples, including St. Irenaeus.

When a controversy arose over the date for Easter, St. Polycarp was selected by the Asiatic churches to travel to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus. Although St. Polycarp and Pope Anicetus could not come to accord on the date, they did agree that local tradition should be maintained. Their agreement to disagree has continued even to the present, with Eastern and Western churches celebrating Easter on different days.

When we are involved in an argument, let us remember that we don't live in a black-and-white world. Not every question has a single right answer. If we feel certain we've found the right answer, we must allow others that same freedom of conscience.

That's not to say we have to be doormats. We can express our views. We can even try to convince others. But if we realize we will never be able to agree, then, like St. Polycarp and the Pope, we must politely and respectfully agree to disagree.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

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