



## PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – 16 MARCH 2008

**“Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

(Today’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66)



### *Announced Mass intentions...*

- Sat., Mar. 15 5:00PM Mass – Raymond Fraser+  
Special Intention
- Sun., Mar. 16 **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**  
8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+  
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
Krista Costanza (lvg)  
Glen Allen+  
11:15AM Mass – Mary Thomas+  
Frances Lacey+  
Special Intention  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Mar. 17 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Mar. 18 9:30AM Mass – Nina Chung (lvg)  
7:30PM Chrism Mass held at Notre Dame  
Cathedral
- Wed., Mar. 19 9:00AM Mass held at Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Lawrence Rodrigues+
- Thurs., Mar. 20 **HOLY THURSDAY**  
12:15PM **NO** Mass  
8:00PM **Mass of the Lord’s Supper**
- Fri., Mar. 21 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
10:30AM Children’s Liturgy – Church  
3:00PM **Solemn celebration of the  
Lord’s Passion**  
7:30PM **Stations of the Cross**
- Sat., Mar. 22 **EASTER VIGIL**  
8:00PM **Easter Vigil** – followed by a  
reception in the hall
- Sun., Mar. 23 **EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+  
11:15AM Mass  
7:30PM **NO** Mass
- Events Calendar*
- Sat., Mar. 15 9:30AM Choir Practice – Church  
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church  
6:00PM St. Patrick’s Day Party – Hall
- Sun., Mar. 16 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Tues., Mar. 18 7:30PM Finance – Rm. A  
8:00PM AA – Hall
- Wed., Mar. 19 7:00PM Children’s Liturgy practice– Rm. A  
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall  
7:30PM Music (7:30) Practice – Church
- Fri., Mar. 21 **7:30PM Stations of The Cross** – Church
- Sat., Mar. 22 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

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

**-our parishioners–** Laurette Allen, Colleen Bannah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Marie Claire Grandbois, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Reg MacDonald, Odette MacKinnon, Romeo Maione, 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), 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), Gail O’Brien (daughter of Maurice Danis), 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-** Dorothy Murphy (sister of William Simms), Genny O’Connor (sister of Doreen Chartrand)

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### **COLLECTION REPORT**

*~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~*

09 March - \$2,186.21 (env.) / \$460.86 (loose)

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### *Pastor’s Column...*

#### **PASSION SUNDAY**

What a greater climax can you imagine for a love story? Jesus’ death has profoundly influenced the course of history. Yet one is not able to fathom the depth of that PASSION—passion for the humanity. What was there so priceless in humanity that God himself should suffer for the love of humanity? Yes, God found us worthy of dying for. The suffering, humiliation and death of Jesus were not a mere submission of some political powers or economic dominance. It was simply the measure of love expressed in the most unmeasurable way. But can the love be one-sided? Can you simply stand and watch somebody loving you to the extent of dying on the Cross? Are you so cold hearted as not to respond to that love? But mind you, your lover won’t give up. Jesus waits spreading his arms that the world may embrace him.

With Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) we are entering in to the Holy Week, the most important week of the life of the Church. Let us concentrate our energy for a meaningful participation in the passion, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Saviour. Parishioners are lovingly reminded that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Also the Good Friday collection is for the Holy Land.

God bless,  
Fr. James Raphel CMF  
Pastor

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

### **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:**

Parents are reminded to attend one of the practices—**Tuesday, March 25 OR Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church.** The sponsors are encouraged to attend (if possible). Please call the office at 613-731-7834 before the practice to provide the name of your child's sponsor for Confirmation otherwise bring your sponsor's name and address with you to the practice.

A reminder, that our last **COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE** will be held on Thursday, April 03 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

Couples celebrating their 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60<sup>th</sup> or more anniversary this year are invited to return a completed registration form (on bulletin board at back of Church) before **April 25.** The Mass is on **Sunday, May 04 at 2:30 p.m. at Note Dame Cathedral.** For information call 613-738-5025 ext. 217.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – March 30: Come and celebrate God's wondrous Mercy here at Holy Cross Church with Fr. Dan Dubroy from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession (1 hour), the Chaplet and silent Adoration and Benediction.

**PLANT SALE—HOLY CROSS PARISH:** A plant sale will be organized for **SATURDAY, MAY 17** to raise funds for the **Claretian Mission** for the blind and physically challenged in India. It is a participatory project with a little bit of help from everyone without much cost. We need volunteers and donations to assist in this effort. We are looking for—**supplies**—used flower pots, flats and potting soil; **perennials**—donations of plants from existing gardens; **drivers**—to bring in plants on day of sale; **teams**—to manage the plant sale on May 17 and **teams**—to be responsible for six or more road signs. If you can help in any way, please leave your name and phone number with the office (613-731-7834) **by March 23** and you will be contacted with details.

### HOSPITALITY

There will be a **reception in the hall after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 22.** If you plan to attend, we invite you to bring along some wine, or a food item, to share with other parishioners. Please bring your item downstairs to the hall before the Vigil begins, and a member of the Hospitality Committee will take care of it. Thank you.

### PASTORAL CARE

**OUR PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS** are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Call Helen Castle 613-737-5798.

## *Social Action...*

### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Donations are still accepted towards the D&P Share Lent campaign. Envelope users have a Share Lent envelope in their package (March 09) and there are some D&P envelopes at the MPD table. Make cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish. From Thandizo Day Care in Zambia: *"We would like to thank the African AIDS Angels Project for your kindness and generosity. We will use your amount (\$2500) for the food programme for our children at Thandizo and those at St. Joseph Community School. May the Good Lord continue to*

*bless you all as you serve Him. We keep you in our prayers and the children pray as well during their daily prayer and weekly Masses. Fr. Krzysztof Mroz."*

### **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 followed by a half hour of **Silent Adoration.**

**\*\*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.

**BRING BELLS** to ring out our joy during the Gloria. A reception will follow after the Vigil in the parish hall.

**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.**

**Reminder:** There will be **NO** 12:15 noon Mass on Holy Thursday or on Good Friday.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF Feast Day – March 16**

St. John de Brébeuf and his fellow missionaries were among the first white explorers to settle in what is now Ontario. Following the fur traders, Fr. Brébeuf and his fellow priests had come to the New World to try to convert the Native Americans to Christianity. To say they met with resistance is an understatement—they were tortured and killed and their missions wiped out. As missionaries, their success was problematic. As explorers they fared a little better, becoming part of the annals of history.

Most of us will never be explorers of new worlds. The opportunities are much more limited today than they were in St. John de Brébeuf's time. No new continents await our discovery, and unless we head to outer space or the deep sea, we are probably out of luck.

But expiration isn't limited to physical adventure. We are all called to become explorers of the truth. Like all explorations, seeking the truth can be dangerous. We may face great opposition. We may suffer the torture of doubt and despair. We may even have to die to our old way of life.

Exploration always has its cost, but it also has its rewards. St. John de Brébeuf may have lost his life, but he gained the reward of heaven. When we seek the truth, we will discover our own rewards as well.

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

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