



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 21 FEBRUARY 2010

*“Jesus answered him,
It is written, ‘Worship the lord your God, and serve only Him’
...It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test’...”*

(Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13)

Announced Mass Intentions...

Sat., Feb. 20 5:00PM Mass – David Doherty+

Sun., Feb. 21 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – A. Edith Renedios+
Margareta Krauthaker+
9:30AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
11:15AM Mass – Angelina Girard (Ivg)
Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., Feb. 22 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Feb. 23 9:30AM Mass – Barbara Costanza (Ivg)

Wed., Feb. 24 12:15PM Mass – Huguette Landreville+

Thurs., Feb. 25 9:00AM Communion Service held at
Billings Lodge
10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Doug Graham+

Fri., Feb. 26 12:15PM Mass – For the Priests (Ivg)

Sat., Feb. 27 5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+

Sun., Feb. 28 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+
11:15AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
Michael & Augusta Martyres+
Anthony & Blanche Fernandes+
7:30PM Mass – Roger Chartrand+

Events Calendar

Sat., Feb. 20 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 21 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
MPD Food Drive – at all Masses

Mon., Feb. 22 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A

Tues., Feb. 23 7:00PM Baptismal preparation – Library
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Feb. 24 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A
7:30PM K of C general meeting – hall
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Feb. 25 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
7:00PM Come Join Us at The Table #4

Fri., Feb. 26 6:30PM **ADORATION**
7:00PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Sat., Feb. 27 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Feb. 28 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
12:15PM Baptism – Church

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Elena Argumedo, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard,

Betty Hurst, Cam Johnson, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Laturus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Irene Mooney, Bill & Margaret Mullen, Sheila Power (wife of Doug), Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault (husband of Geneva), Ray & Betty Valin

-relatives- Cardinal Alojzi Ambrozic, Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Fr. Bob Bedard, Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Stephanie Charlebois (daughter of Lorna & Alvin Mahoney), Monica Desjardin (daughter of Leo), Len Desmarias (brother-in-law of Mary Simms), John Sr. & Margaret Dorner (parents of John), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Fay Hunt (sister-in-law of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Jessie Kennedy, Marie Kennedy (sister of Sheila Shields), Elma Kramers (mother of Eric), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), Sarah Laturus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Lisa Nancarrow (daughter of Janet & Robin), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)

WE ALSO PRAY for our Catechumens: Anthonia Bejide, Patricia Bejide, Ly (Lee) Do and Holly Nicks

COLLECTION REPORT

14 February 2010 – \$4,361.25 (env) / \$729.92 (loose)

~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~

Pastor’s Column...

TODAY’S GOSPEL – LUKE 4: 1-13

THE TEMPTATION

‘Tempted’, in the Scriptures, means ‘put to the test’. Jesus was led (in Mark, *driven*) into the desert to be put to the test. For a start, the desert itself put him to the test. A desert gives you nothing to eat, it makes you feel utterly powerless, and it seems totally indifferent to your fate.

First a superficial interpretation. The three temptations of Jesus correspond to these three facts about deserts. He felt hungry, and when he looked at the stones he saw bread. Secondly, the feeling of powerlessness tempted Jesus to power, the thirdly the uncaring desert made him imagine God sending “his angel to care” for him. All this may only mean that the devil has a feeling for place! At any rate, temptations are never just disembodied ideas.

At an individual level we can all look around us and investigate our particular temptations. They will be related to our own time and place, to the things nearest us, to our hungers, ambitions and fears. And they are not always

obvious. The temptations of Jesus were not temptations to evil, but to limited kinds of goodness. How do you tempt a good person? With evil? No, he or she will not take that bait. You tempt them with goodness—but with some kind of short-term, self-defeating goodness...On this first Sunday of Lent the Church encourages us to look with clear sight at our temptations.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**— Preacher: **Father Maxime Allard o.p.** Theme: *“The Priesthood of the Baptised in the Church and in the World.”*

Monday, March 15: *Beginning with Holy Mass*

Tuesday, March 16: *How to be at God’s Service*

Wednesday, March 17: Parish Reconciliation Service
Time: **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Come and experience the ‘**DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD**’ and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten (RE)TREAT. All are welcome. A free will offering will be generously accepted.

HOLY CROSS PARISH IS PREPARING A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND in 2010—accompanied by our Pastor, Fr. James Raphael. All are welcome to attend an information night on **Thursday, March 04 at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall regarding the trip.

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS: FIRST RECONCILIATION DATE CHANGE: Please note that for those children, who are registered for the sacrament of First Communion, the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation has been changed to TUESDAY, MARCH 09 at 7 p.m.** in the Church.

2009 TAX RECEIPTS are available at the back of the Church next to the offertory envelopes. The Parish would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity to the parish in the year 2009.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Holy Cross Parish is hosting and Pastoral Care is co-ordinating the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on **Friday, March 05** from 7 p.m. to 9. The Republic of Cameroon will be highlighted. The Hospitality Committee will be providing light refreshments and Anne Hurley’s Choir will be providing the music.

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER & DANCE: Saturday, March 13.



Our social starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15/per person. We will be serving delicious Lamb and/or Beef Irish Stew. Dancing music provided by “Swing Bridge Band” at 8 p.m. Guaranteed to be an evening of fun and there will also be prizes.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of February 27/28 and March 07/08. Due to popular demand there may not be any tickets available at the door so be sure to get yours early.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest involved Grade six students from seven schools in Ottawa South. A big thank you to the Principals and teachers who help coordinate this successful program. Congratulations to the following school winners: Holy Cross—Genesis Brown (Honourable Mention); Holy Family—Makaela Dias-Gaudette; St. Jerome—Anika Leung; St. Marguerite d’Youville—Erica M Txapak (Bronze); Prince of Peace—Miriam Foley; McMaster Catholic—Kayla Dobson (Overall winner) and St. Thomas More—Olivia Scanlan.

The Knights of Columbus are reminded that the **regular general meeting** is Wednesday, **February 24 at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Following the meeting (8:30 p.m.) John Murphy from Kelly’s Funeral Home will speak on Funeral Planning. All parishioners are invited to attend.

PASTORAL CARE

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Please call Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590.

Spring Course for the **OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM** begins Monday, March 08 and ends Monday, May 10. Call Verna Nuttall at 613-692-3369.

YOUTH CORNER

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join us (19 yrs. and up) at Malone’s Lakeside Bar & Grill, Dows Lake Pavilion on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.**, as guest speaker Fr. Tim McCauley speaks about, *“Save a Priest, Save 10 000 Souls.”*

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Some months ago it came to our attention that former parishioner Nina Chung has been helping a number of vulnerable children in Malindi, Kenya. In late 2008, Nina established an informal children’s home. Our MPD committee asked Nina for more information and we received a very detailed account of her work with 14 children, some orphaned, some abandoned some from abject poverty. MPD has approved a grant of \$1500 to Nina’s Children’s Home from the African AIDS Angels project.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Green Bins

Many of us are using Ottawa’s Green Bin Program, which makes a tremendous difference for the environment. As stated by Canada’s Catholic Bishops, growing numbers are making “personal efforts in favour of the environment, which includes decreasing and recycling waste.” In order to better understand and learn how to promote this program in our community, you are welcome to an upcoming Faith & the Common Good workshop, *Ottawa’s New Green Bin Program – Helping Encourage Participation.* Led by Rod Muir, an inspirational speaker from the Sierra Club of Canada, the workshop takes place at St. Joseph Parish on Laurier E. on Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For information, call John Dörner at 613-739-0963.

**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?
IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**