



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 14 MARCH 2010

“...this brother of yours was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and has been found.”

(Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Announced Mass Intentions...

Sat., March 13	5:00PM Mass – Richard Lane+
Sun., March 14	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	8:00AM Mass – Michael Goldsmith (lvg) Rigden & Frenette Fam+ Kathy Dunne+
	9:30AM Mass – Maria Lee+
	11:15AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
	7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Mon., March 15	12:15PM NO Mass
Tues., March 16	9:30AM Mass – Humbert Savoia+ Krista Costanza (lvg)
Wed., March 17	12:15PM Mass
Thurs., March 18	9:00AM Mass held at Billings Lodge 10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Nina Chung (lvg) Walid Aboudi (lvg)
Fri., March 19	12:15PM Mass – Gerta Patry+
Sat., March 20	5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., March 21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	8:00AM Mass – Elizabeth Drouillard+ O'Hara & Ryan Family+
	9:30AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	11:15AM Mass – Bill O'Neill+
	7:30PM Mass – Mary Smith+

Events Calendar

Sat., March 13	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church 6:00PM St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance – Hall
Sun., March 14	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Sale of Shamrock's at all Masses
Mon., March 15	7:00PM Parish Lenten Retreat 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
Tues., March 16	7:00PM Parish Lenten Retreat 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., March 17	7:00PM Parish Reconciliation Service
Thurs., March 18	7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., March 19	6:30PM ADORATION 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat., March 20	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., March 21	9:30AM Children's Liturgy

COFFEE SUNDAY after all morning Masses – hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Cam Johnson, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Larnus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Irene Mooney, Bill

& Margaret Mullen, Sheila Power (wife of Doug), Michael O'Sullivan, 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 Desmaris (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 Larnus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Guy Lavack (son of George Lavack), 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)
-the deceased- Michael Pollard (nephew of Deanna & Joe Bones), Michel Chartrand (son of Emile Chartrand), Florence Simon (sister of Teofina Dubé)

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

COLLECTION REPORT

07 March 2010 – \$5,338.80 (env) / \$625.38 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Pastor's Column...

TODAY'S GOSPEL – LUKE 15: 1-32
COMING TO HIS 'SENSES' (Verse 17)

It all happened when the prodigal son came in to 'his senses' (understanding and taking responsibility for his own follies).

A king of Persia once visited a convict prison and interviewing the prisoners one by one asked each of them for what crime they had been sentenced. They all declared themselves innocent of any misdeed whatsoever, except one man who owned up to the evil he had done, and said that he deserved what he was getting. The king ordered his immediate release 'for' said he, "this man obviously has no business here among all these innocent people."

If we want our sins forgiven, the first step is to acknowledge (coming to the senses) that we have committed them and need to seek reconciliation.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

NEEDED—we are in need of three families who would be able to host 2 participants each for the Youth Summit on May 21 – May 24, 2010. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office at 613-731-7834. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PRACTICE FOR THE SACRAMENT will be on **Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. Please ensure that you attend the practice with your child.

DONATION TOWARDS OUR EASTER FLOWERS 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 21. The names of your deceased loved one will appear in the Easter bulletin insert. Please be sure to print clearly so that the names can be printed correctly. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOSPITALITY

As has been the tradition at Holy Cross for many years, there will be a **reception in the hall after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 03.** 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.

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 Pat Jackson at 613-523-5470.

YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH SUMMIT/MONTEE JEUNESSE: This year's theme "**Sent**" will bring us to reflect upon our own personal role as missionaries in today's Church, particularly amidst other young adults. For all youth/young adults graduating from grade 12 up to 35 years old. May 21 – May 24, 2010 (Victoria Weekend). Registration is open. Please go to the website at www.youthsummit.ca.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Please take time to read the Development and Peace insert that is included in this week's bulletin. This insert will complement the information provided by MPD committee members during today's liturgy about D&P and the upcoming Share Lent campaign. At the back of the church, the MPD bulletin board has an interesting display about D&P and about Solidarity Sunday (March 21). The parish response to the Haitian Emergency Relief Fund was truly overwhelming. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Lenten Fasting

KAIROS is an ecumenical partnership that promotes ecological justice. On its website (www.kairoscanada.org) KAIROS shows how Lenten fasting may include ways we may reduce our carbon footprint and excess waste. For example, we are asked to do an inventory of our closets, storage areas and living rooms. Are there items not needed or that we wished we had not purchased? As quoted in Scriptures, "*Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me, listen, and your soul will live*" (Isaiah 55:2-3 Jerusalem Bible). Tip of the Week: Refrain from unnecessary shopping through the Lenten season. Live fully.

ADORATION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 19 and 26

6:30 p.m. – Adoration 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY – April 02

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. – **Parish Reconciliation**

CHRISM MASS

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 01 April** at 8:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 02 April** – Children's Liturgy, including Stations of the Cross 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.

NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS on GOOD FRIDAY will start at 7:30 p.m.

****HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – 03 April at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 12 April – 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. There will be **NO** 7:30 evening Mass.

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

Humour for the Week...

Mother announced that in future a prize would be given every Saturday to the member of the family who have been the most obedient. 'Oh, but, Mummy,' chorused the children, 'that wouldn't be fair. Daddy would win every time!'



Other items of interest...

Shattered vows. Parental challenges. Conflict. Dysfunction. Being relevant. Explore strategies for today's hurting community. Christian Counselling Ottawa's annual FREE Community Education Day will be held on Saturday, April 24 at Paul's Presbyterian Church. For workshop titles and registration go to www.christiancounsellingottawa.ca. Workshop space is limited.

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.