



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY – 08 APRIL 2018

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

(Today’s Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., April 07 5:00PM **Youth Mass**
Emile Chartrand+
Pat Scott+

Sun., April 08 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:00AM Mass – Elda Sauv +
9:30AM Mass – Roger Patry+
Fesseha Fre+
Josephine Staz+
11:15AM Mass – Sr. Florence Walsh+
Fr. Edward Walsh+

Mon., April 09 **NO MASS**

Tues., April 10 9:30AM Holy Cross School’s Easter Mass
Molly Bacchiochi+

Wed., April 11 12:15PM Mass – Apie Lucie Adje+

Thurs., April 12 9:00AM Communion Service held at
Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Kathleen Kelly+

Fri., April 13 12:15PM Mass – Roger Patry+

Sat., April 14 5:00PM Mass – Marc Gardner+
Dennis Prendergast+

Sun., April 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Emile Chartrand+
Sandra Roche+
Gerry & Myrnah Vullings (lvg)
11:15AM Mass – Frank & Joseph Tomas+

Sat., April 14 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church / Hall
Sat., April 14 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
2:30PM Wedding – Kerry Ryan and
Theresa Morales-Noade
Sun., April 15 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
11:15AM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY**
COMMUNION – Church
Pancake Breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 am Masses

Deacon’s Column...

DIVINE MERCY

This weekend the church around the world celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is not something that is new to the church as it is the very heart of sacred scripture. Jesus has always been merciful, and is why he died on a cross for us. Divine Mercy however is a particular kind of love that encounters us in times of personal poverty, weakness, and sin. It is a particular kind of love that meets us in our suffering. The greater our suffering the greater will his mercy be. Scripture clearly tells us where sin abounds, mercy abounds even more. Jesus anticipated this culture of death in which we now live. A culture that has aborted well over forty million children. No wonder it is called a modern day holocaust. Jesus knew our modern world would need a modern-day message. A message of mercy to renew our hope and provide the grace we need to simply survive in this modern age in which we live. As we look around the world today we cannot help but ask ourselves if there has ever been a greater need for God’s mercy. Wars, violence, lies, manipulation and out of control selfishness seem to dominate the world. At these times, “Jesus I trust in you”, words on the Divine Mercy painting, are indeed comforting. It is also comforting to know that God has a plan and is implementing it by drenching the world in the ocean of His mercy.

If you would like to know more about this kind of Divine Mercy, simply attend the Divine Mercy Celebration this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. here in the church. Jesus through Sister Faustina promised some very special graces to all those who do.

See you there,
Deacon John

Events Calendar ...

Sat., April 07 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall

Sun., April 08 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
2:30PM Celebration of the **Feast of**
Divine Mercy – Church
Guest Speaker at all Masses regarding the
New Evangelization Summit coming to Ottawa

Mon., April 09 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
6:30PM RCIA / Bible Study – Hall

Tues., April 10 6:30PM **PREPARATION SESSION and**
PRACTICE for First Holy Communion – Church
8:00PM A.A. - Hall

Wed., April 11 10:00AM Pastoral Care meeting – Library
7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., April 12 6:30PM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST**
RECONCILIATION – Church
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A

Fri., April 13 5:00PM Wedding rehearsal – Church

COLLECTION REPORT

Good Friday—Holy Land Collection – \$5,177.71
01 April 2018 – \$6,405.15 (env) / \$2,208.22 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Pastor's Message...

Once again my sincere thanks to all who made our Holy Week Liturgy a celebration of our faith in action—to all the Choir Members, Liturgy Coordinators, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Committee, Décor Team, Altar Servers and Miriam Basten for the slide projection presentations. This year was so special to have had the four RCIA candidates. I also greatly appreciate the wonderful support of Deacon John Kennedy. It was rewarding to hear the positive comments about our Lent and Easter celebrations.

May the Spirit of Risen Christ be with you all!
Fr. Lukose

Parish News and Community Life...

JUBILEE YEAR—MULTICULTURAL NIGHT will be held on **Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m.** Volunteer cooks are needed to prepare one item to serve 15 people, be it an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. The Country or Geographic area is identified at the top of each sign-up sheet in red which can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church. The success of the evening depends on parishioners' participation. Please help to make it a special evening by signing up for an item of the country of your birth or cultural heritage.

Tickets for next month's **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT** will go on **sale** beginning this weekend April 07/08. The cost will be \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children (10 & under).

JUBILEE FLASHBACK: From September 13, 1970: The Mixed Couples Bridge Club will begin early in October. Couples interested in playing may call the convenor Mrs. Vincent Taillon for further information.

From October 28, 1970: Youth Program - Friday Evenings - 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Holy Cross hall. This is the time and place for Happenings. All our 13 to 16 year olds are invited to drop in. Admission is only .10 cents. Again we will need adult "Volunteers" to ensure a successful program. This is your change to rap with them and get to know our young people better.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 08: All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, April 08.** There will be Adoration and Confession from 2:30 to 3 p.m., followed by the Chaplet, Guest Speaker Fr. Eslin Pereira CMF, and Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina and Fr. Sopocko. Come and pray with us.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that the **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND PRACTICE** will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. **FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held on **Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please **arrive 20 minutes early** as attendance will be taken.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast after the 8 and 9:30 morning Masses on **Sunday, April 15.** Free will offering with proceeds directed to renting a bus to take parishioners to the May 10 "March for Life" on Parliament Hill.

Social Justice...

HERON EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE: Many thanks for Holy Cross Parish's generous support of Heron Emergency Food Centre. Last year, your donation of \$2,819 worth of food has helped us serve 20,997 requests from 3,997 different individuals. Our Executive Coordinator continually reports our clients' appreciation of the assistance received and their amazement at people's generosity. Your Church plays a major role in providing this much-needed service. Here is a testimonial from one of our clients: "Thank you for your kindness. I never imagined I would have to rely on a food bank. My heart is full of gratitude to those who keep this wonderful resource going. Your generosity is a life saver. Thank you for helping me out in times of need. HEFC has eased my anxiety about making ends meet. It's not easy taking care of bills in a timely fashion. I don't have the words to tell you how I appreciate each of you and the work you do. The stigma of being in need is made more bearable when you have people who truly care." Your generosity has made a difference in this person's life! With much gratitude, we thank you for your donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 21st NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE takes place on **Thursday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m.** Join thousands of others on Parliament Hill as we stand-up and defend life from conception to natural death March for Life pamphlets may be found at the entrances of the Church or go to marchforlife.ca.

Action Life is holding its 29th **ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE** fund raising event on **Saturday, April 21.** Hike the 5km route and enjoy a morning of fun with family and friends. For all the details see the posters and pledge sheets on the Social Justice bulletin board at the back of the Church next to the confessional.

Other interests...

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018: On **April 27 & 28** join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Infinity Convention Centre in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. Guest speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online at <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>

OTTAWA CATHOLIC CHALLENGE WEEKEND: Apply now for the 169th Challenge Weekend, **April 27 - 29.** Open to ages 16 - 25. The cost is \$35 which includes all expenses (meals, accommodations, supplies etc). Reconnect with your faith through this live-in weekend and join a community that will support you for years to come! For more information and/or to register go to www.ottawachallenge.ca

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.