



TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – 16 September 2018

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.”**

(Today's Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17)



Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Sept. 15 1:30PM Memorial Service for
Constance Harris+ – Church
5:00PM Mass
- Sun., Sept. 16 **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:00AM ADORATION until 10 a.m.
10:30AM FESTIVAL MASS
Fesseha Fre+
Patrick Martin+
11:15AM **NO MASS**
- Mon., Sept. 17 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Sept. 18 9:30AM Mass
- Wed., Sept. 19 12:15PM Mass – Marc Gardner+
- Thurs., Sept. 20 10:30AM Communion service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Sept. 21 12:15PM Mass – Irene Lee+
- Sat., Sept. 22 5:00PM **YOUTH MASS**
Renée Gardner+
- Sun., Sept. 23 **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Belanger Family (lvg)
Hamilton Sequeira+
Hazel Poirier+
11:15AM Doug Heney+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Sept. 15 9:30AM Prayer Group
- Sun., Sept. 16 **Holy Cross Feast Day Celebration –**
following the 10:30 a.m. Festival Mass
- Mon., Sept. 17 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
6:30PM **Faith Formation Series –**
Journey Through the Bible – The Virgin Mary – Hall
- Tues., Sept. 18 6:30PM Finance – Room A
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Sept. 19 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Thurs., Sept. 20 12:45PM Club 55+ - Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Sept. 22 9:30AM Fashion show team mtg – Hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Sept. 23 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Bishop Bourgon speaking at all the Masses

COLLECTION REPORT

Attawapiskat - \$8,900.00
26 August 2018 – \$5,224.00 (env) / \$765.00 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Pastor's Message...

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

We come across light houses at sea shores that direct the ships at night to safe destinations. Sign posts and signal lights guide us to airfields and roads. The feast of the Triumph of The Cross reminds us of a great reality in our life. We have the Cross and Crucifix. The Cross is the symbol of victory. Remember, our faith is not in a Christ who is suffering, dying, defeated, naked, nailed to the cross. But a Christ who is alive, triumphant, clothed, hands outstretched to embrace everybody. Jesus' coming down from the highest, being raised on the cross, was for a glorious ascent. The bronze serpent Moses raised in the wilderness was a sign of new life. So too is the triumphant cross!

The feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 325 by St. Helena, mother of the Roman emperor Constantine during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built and dedicated at the site of discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine, with a portion of the Cross placed in it.

This year our parish is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. The Cross is calling us to embrace the cross with commitment and love. We remember all who nurtured this parish from its beginning, to this day, by taking pride in the life-giving power of the cross. St. John of the Cross said, "He who seeks not the cross of Christ, seeks not the glory of Christ".

Wishing all of you the blessings of this special day of the Triumph of the Cross.

Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal CMF
Pastor

CAN WE FIND YOU!!

As part of our Jubilee celebration, we are looking for the names of those who were members of the parish from the very beginning (50 years ago!!!). We want to acknowledge and recognize their sacrifices in building up Holy Cross to where it is today. The Parish Jubilee Committee is asking that you please provide them with your name and phone number and place it in the Jubilee suggestion box at the entrance of the Church (paper is provided on the table next to the box). If you know anybody who is away from the parish for whatever reason, please provide us with their names as well. Let us all celebrate our faith journey together!

Parish News and Community Life...

MASS OFFERINGS

The tradition of giving offerings to have Masses celebrated for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Christ's faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, especially the support of the sacred ministers and the fulfillment of the Church's apostolic activity (cf. canon 946). Normally, a separate Mass is celebrated for each individual offering. The recommended diocesan offering for an announced (communal) Mass is **\$15**, to be remitted to the priest celebrant. The offering for an unannounced Mass (not announced publicly) is **\$10**.

The Church permits Masses with multiple intentions as an exception to normal practice. **In our parish, the two Masses designated as "multiple intention" Masses will be, Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. and Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Only one Mass intention will be celebrated at all other Masses.** Parishioners are encouraged to have **unannounced Masses** offered if the schedule fills up too quickly. These Mass intentions and offerings could be sent to the Chancery office to be celebrated by our retired priests or priests in mission territories who depend on them for their sustenance.

To request a Mass Intention, you can either call or email the parish office or use the special envelopes which may be found on the tables of the entrances of the Church. Please place your money in the envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

HOLY CROSS' 2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The Bible and the Virgin Mary unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Visually stunning lessons (two lessons per evening) convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotion surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. This study has something for everyone.

THEME: *Journey Through the Bible – The Virgin Mary*

DATE: **Sept. 17 & 24; Oct. 01, 15 & 29 and Nov. 05**

TIME: **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Session 1: Monday, September 17 – A Biblical Introduction to Mary / Handmaid of the Lord

Session 2: Monday, September 24 – Wedding at Cana, Garden in Eden / The New Eve

Session 3: Monday, October 01 – The Ark of the New Covenant / Born of a Virgin

Session 4: Monday, October 15 – The Promised Mother / Mother Crowned in Glory

Session 5: Monday, October 29 – Full of Grace / All Holy

Session 6: Monday, November 05 – The Assumption / Always a Mother

Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome; invite your friends and family members.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God through the Church. The candidates' journey of faith with the community leads to the

sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation and communion for the first time in the celebration of the Eucharist. If interested in RCIA, call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

THANK YOU: From the grandparents who brought photos of their grandchildren for the Jubilee Tree of Life, to the wonderful liturgy and music during Mass, all the grandchildren present and the reception afterwards in the hall, our **first Grandparents Day** celebration held last Sunday was an occasion to remember. A special thank you to Mary Costa Correa for making the beautiful Tree of Life and to the Club 55 Support Group, the Youth Group, all who brought baking, and Hospitality, whose efforts made the event a true celebration.

CLUB 55: The **next gathering for Club 55** takes place **this Thursday, September 20** following the 12:15 Mass. A full lunch will be served and will feature 'Super Subs'. If you plan to attend the **play at Upper Canada Playhouse on September 27 and have not purchased your ticket, please bring along a cheque or cash on Thursday. The ticket cost is \$31 per person.** Cards and games will follow the lunch.

Social Justice...

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES: Next weekend, we are excited to welcome Robert Bourgon, Bishop of Hearst and Moosonee, Ontario to speak at all Masses in a Mission Appeal. He will give us insights into life in the community of Attawapiskat, and especially the needs of their youth. We have already collected \$8900 towards our goal of creating a Youth Centre room, and we hope to be able to reach at least \$10,000 to present to him personally next week. Please help push us to that goal. Envelopes will be available in the pews next week.

ELIMU CHARITY BBQ raised \$4,700. Nina Chung extends her heartfelt gratitude to all who helped to make the event a great success. Thank you to Fr. Lukose for allowing us to be at Holy Cross this year; to the Knights of Columbus for their expert grilling support; to the Youth Group for their energetic help with setup, signage and sales; to Karen for the kitchen tour and to Jackie for the excellent tutorial on waste management. It was a day of blessings. Parents came with children and grandchildren. Neighbours brought neighbours. Old friends met up who hadn't seen each other in years. God was truly at work.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN--SEPTEMBER 26 - NOVEMBER 04. You are invited to participate in this International 40-Day Campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful presence at the NEW vigil site. Note that the new vigil location is outside the restricted 50 metres Bubble Zone area and is on the Queen St. side of the southwest corner of Queen and Bank St.. The vigil hours are from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm daily. There is a **KICK-OFF RALLY** at the vigil site on **Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 pm.** Sign up and other info to follow.

Other interests...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.