



# TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – 13 September 2015



**“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.”**

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

## *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., Sept. 12 5:00PM Mass – Adrian Hewit+
- Sun., Sept. 13 **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:00AM **Silent ADORATION of the Cross** until 9:30  
10:00AM **FESTIVAL MASS**  
Hubert Soltan+  
Elias Gammal+  
Leonard Power+  
**PROCESSION following the Festival Mass**  
11:15AM **NO MASS**
- Mon., Sept. 14 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Sept. 15 9:30AM Mass
- Wed., Sept. 16 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Sept. 17 10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor  
12:15PM Mass – Dianne Hendrick (lvg)
- Fri., Sept. 18 12:15PM Mass – Kennedy & Dubord Family+
- Sat., Sept. 19 5:00PM Mass – Stephen Swenson+
- Sun., Sept. 20 **25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00AM Mass – Elda Sauv +  
9:30AM Mass – Vivian Braganza+  
Carmel Sabourin+  
Barbara & Frank Cullinan+  
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

## *Events Calendar.*

- Sat., Sept. 12 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Sept. 13 **Holy Cross Feast Day Celebration** – following the 10:00 a.m. Festival Mass
- Mon., Sept. 14 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall  
7:00PM K of C – Installation of District Officers of Councils – Church/Hall
- Tues., Sept. 15 10:00AM Pastoral Care meeting – Library  
7:00PM Finance – Rm. A  
8:00PM A.A. - Hall
- Wed., Sept. 16 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church  
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Thurs., Sept. 17 1:00PM Club 55+ – Hall  
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Sept. 19 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
9:30AM St. Vincent de Paul mtg. – Library
- Sun., Sept. 20 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
Youth speaking at all the Masses

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...**  
**-Our parishioners**—Garry Brown, Harry Demers, Viola and Mike Duggan, Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot, Alice Johnson, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N’dah, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin, Rene Venasse  
**-Immediate family members**—Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne), Edna Rice (mother of Heather Rice)

## *Pastor’s Column...*

### **FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 CE. Every year this feast is celebrated on September 14. On this feast, we are called upon to meditate on the salvific mystery of the Cross. The Israelites who were bitten by poisonous snakes looked up to the metal image of the fiery serpent on the standard and lived. Similarly, anyone bitten by the poisonous snakes of sin, who looks up to the living Christ on the Cross, shall not die, but live. It is God’s will that everyone shall be saved. But we have the freedom of choice to look toward the Cross or away from it. The choice is ours; so are the consequences.

As our parish is named HOLY CROSS, it is apt and fitting that we celebrate our parish feast in a special way. This year we have two significant additions to our celebration. We have silent Adoration of the Cross before the Mass and a procession carrying the Cross after the Mass.

As we celebrate our Parish Feast today, let it be an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for having taken upon Himself on the cross the weight of our sins, our most deadly enemy. Let us celebrate this special day with a sense of gratitude and generosity. With one voice let us sing: “We adore you, O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”

### **Happy Feast to all of you!**

God bless.  
Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

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

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY (ages 3-12)** will resume on **Sun., Sept. 20 during the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. Volunteer of all ages are needed to help with our Children’s Liturgy. We are looking for leaders, readers, musicians or help with the set up/take down. No experience necessary. High School students will earn volunteer hours for their time. Please contact Shelley Timmons at 613-422-8551 or shelleytimmons@rogers.com.

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## HOLY CROSS' 2015 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

THEME: *Vocation & Mission of the Family in the Church and the World*

DATE: **September 21 to November 02**

TIME: **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Session 1: Mon., Sept. 21 – Pope Francis' Love and Commitment to the Family.** Presenter: Fr. Yvan Mathieu SM (Professor and Dean of the faculty).

**Session 2: Mon., Sept. 28 – The Holy Family of Nazareth.** Presenter: David Mulcair.

**Session 3: Mon., Oct. 05 – God's call to Love One Another.** Presenters: Dr. Martin Rovers (Marriage Therapist, St. Paul University) and Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (Holy Cross).

**Session 4: Mon., Oct. 19 – Pastoral Roles with regards to the Family.** Presenters: Fr. Geoffrey Kerslake (Episcopal Vicar) and Fr. James Raphael CMF (Pastor, Holy Cross).

**Session 5: Mon., Oct. 26 – Family as a Domestic Church.** Presenters: Janice & John Villeneuve, Genevieve & Bob Flynn and Joel Regnier.

**Session 6: Mon., Nov. 02 – Analysis of the Synod on the Family.** Presenter: **Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J.**

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

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**CLUB 55+** Our "Live, Laugh, Learn and Lunch" program resumes on **Thurs., Sept. 17.** Please join us for Mass at 12:15 p.m., followed by an afternoon of socializing in the parish hall. A "Welcome Back" soup and sandwich lunch will be served, compliments of the Hospitality Committee. For reservations, please contact Rosemary Choquette no later than NOON, Tuesday, September 15 at 613-521-6087, or by email at club55@holycrossparish.com.

**"Start Spreading the news"** we're having a **YARD SALE** on **Saturday, October 03 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parish parking lot.** Clear out that previously loved STUFF and have it ready to bring to the parish garage starting from Sept. 14 till Sept. 30. Info: Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226.

### 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. If you would like to access our services, please call Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

Our **PASTORAL CARE MEETING** will be held in the parish library this **Tuesday, September 15 at 10 a.m.** following the 9:30 Mass.

### *Social Action...*

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

So many caring reactions and calls to action on the refugee crisis; from premiers, mayors and politicians but most importantly for us from church leadership. Pope Francis has urged each European parish to sponsor a family. Cardinal Collins (Toronto) proposed his city take in 1000. The Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops in an open letter lists seven ways we can help, refugee sponsorship and donations among those seven. Fr. James recent homily brought the crisis to our attention. Let us pray that as a parish we will be able to do something concretely in the near future.

**CARE FOR CREATION – POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT:** Our Canadian Bishops have published a new resource - A Church Seeking Justice: The Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Canada. The document conveys Pope Francis' challenge for us to act on climate change as "a clear definitive and unpostponable imperative." Pope Francis recognizes that countries (like Canada) have the greatest responsibility for global environmental devastation and climate change, while the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are the ones who are suffering most from the effects of climate change. The bishops ask how we, as people of faith, will lower our greenhouse gas emissions, making a difference as individuals, families and communities, and in government policy.

### *Other interests...*

**PARISH BASED SENIORS MINISTRY:** Seniors and friends of seniors in parishes are invited on **Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** to meet at the **Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place,** to learn and ask about creating a parish ministry run by seniors for seniors. This initiative is meant to encourage seniors in the parishes to build a community of friendship, mutual help and deepening faith with people they know, often people who are also neighbours. We will welcome as speakers seniors from Holy Cross Parish who have created their own successful seniors club. For information contact Patricia at pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

**HERON EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE (HEFC)—Annual Fundraising Walk on Saturday, September 26.** HEFC needs to raise funds to meet the rising cost of food and the increase in numbers of people facing food insecurities. Join the annual Step Up & Step Out to Stop Hunger scheduled for Sat., Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration will be at St Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church (2345 Alta Vista Dr.) at 9 a.m. The walk--*an easy 4 or 5 km walk through the Alta Vista neighbourhood*--will start at 9:30 a.m. and end with light refreshments. Many thanks in advance for your kind generosity! You can help by donating, walking and/or collect pledges. Pledge sheets will be available on the entrance table of the Church or contact Pauline de Gonzague at pdegonzague@outlook.com. Tax receipts for donations of \$20+.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – SEPTEMBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 01. Kick-Off Rally – Sun., Sept. 20 at 7 pm** at the corner of Bank & Sparks. The Vigil hours are from 7 am to 7 pm daily across the street from the abortion facility at 65 Bank St. The Ottawa campaign includes daily readings from the Bible between the hours of 11 am – 1 pm. If you are interested in signing up for the vigil time slots or the Proclamation of the Word, contact Warner Besserer at 613-323-1665 or email marilynwarnerb@live.com. Archbishop Prendergast encourages us: *"Let us pray and work for the end to the tragic consequences of abortion for pre-born children, women and the families and friends who love them."*

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## COLLECTION REPORT

06 September 2015 – \$3,587.00 (env) / \$772.85 (loose)

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