



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20 September 2015

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

(20 September Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:4; Mark 9:30-37)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 19 5:00PM Mass – Stephen Swenson+

Sun., Sept. 20 **25th 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
NO MASS

Mon., Sept. 21

Tues., Sept. 22 9:30AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory

Wed., Sept. 23 12:15PM Mass – Renee Gardner+

Thurs., Sept. 24 10:00AM Communion Service held at
 Windsor Park Manor
 12:15PM Mass

Fri., Sept. 25 12:15PM Mass – Margaret Ross+

Sat., Sept. 26 5:00PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+

Sun., Sept. 27 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 8:00AM Mass – Elda Sauv +
 9:30AM Mass – Vivian Braganza+
 Theresa McNamara+
 Holy Cross Parishioners
 11:15AM Mass – Hamilton Sequeira+

Events Calendar.

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

Mon., Sept. 21 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
 7:00PM **FAITH FORMATION** – Hall

Tues., Sept. 22 8:00PM A.A. - Hall

Wed., Sept. 23 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Sept. 24 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A

Fri., Sept. 25 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A

Sat., Sept. 26 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Sept. 27 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
 12:30PM Baptisms – Church
 2:00PM 4th Degree Assembly Officer
 Installation – Church

MPD – Reverse Offering for Food Drive – at all 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...

CALLED TO BE SERVANTS OF ALL

Our liturgy today invites us to meditate on our call to discipleship, to a life of service and on the second announcement of the Lord’s passion. We can see the First Reading as a prophecy of the Lord’s Passion. The enemies complain that “the Just One” has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the Law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. The apostles do not understand the second announcement of Lord’s Passion in the Gospel and for this reason they begin arguing over issues of succession, over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Their minds are completely elsewhere. Jesus goes on to teach us, the chosen leaders of the church that we must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. Jesus appeals to the disciples’ ambition: “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Jesus came “not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” The apostles, therefore, are called upon to be “servants of all,” especially the weak and the helpless - symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. As we resume our Children’s Liturgy today let us fix our eyes on Christ Jesus who “...took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’” We welcome Christ too by being attentive to our brothers and sisters in need who are lonely and sick; refugees and the homeless. To welcome the suffering multitudes is to welcome the Cross, and to discover its saving power, first shown in the community of love that it creates.

God bless you.

Fr. Gilles Njobam CMF
Associate Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS – WOW, WOW!!

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who put lots of your time and talent to make this year’s parish feast an excellent celebration. I received a lot of positive comments about our celebration. In spite of the inclement weather, everything went so smoothly and beautifully. It is all because of your cooperation and hard work. A special thanks to the Steering Committee chaired by Bob Laird who worked out all the details of the celebration in a timely fashion. The

installation of the cross on the roof top of the church just on the eve of the feast day was indeed a happy coincidence. Once again congratulations and appreciations to all of you!

God bless.
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

THE WINNER from last Sunday's 'Guessing Contest' is Anna Durand. With the addition of the new cross on the roof, there are now 118 crosses in the public areas of Holy Cross Church.

CLUB 55+: **"START SPREADING THE NEWS"** we are having a **YARD SALE** on **Saturday, October 03 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parish parking lot.** Donations are needed, such as household and children's items etc. Drop your donations off at the parish garage during office hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) until September 30. Info: Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226. **ALSO**, we are still collecting any unwanted jewellery, rosaries and religious medals etc (bring to parish office). Your donations will be transformed as needed and sold at our parish functions to help support our youth going for WYD 2016.

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.

DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE—Last Monday, a donation of kitchenware and personal care items from Holy Cross went directly to an Eritrean refugee family who had arrived just 10 days earlier with nothing, and are living temporarily in a unit at Debra-Dynes. Our parish's charitable act filled an urgent need and conveyed a warm welcome.

PASTORAL CARE

Our purpose is to **"BE THERE"** for you, our parishioners, in the name of Jesus, in sickness, sorrow, crisis or transition. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our ministry. Please call

Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Parish fall **FOOD DRIVE** will take place on October 03/04. There will be a Reverse Offering next weekend September 26/27 which will identify the food item you are asked to donate.

"On climate change, there is an ethical imperative to act" (Pope Francis). The D&P Create a Climate of Change campaign shows that the most devastating impacts are on the poor and vulnerable of our human family. To explain more of what we can do, D&P will hold a workshop Sat., Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. to noon at Blessed Sacrament Parish (94 Fourth Ave.) and on Tues., Oct. 06 at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre on Kilborn.

CARE FOR CREATION – HOLY CROSS FEAST DAY: Pope Francis calls us to move away from a throwaway culture to a lifestyle that shows care for creation. We thank MPD, the Hospitality Committee, Knights of Columbus and all parishioners for maximizing recycling and composting at our Holy Cross Feast Day. Twelve green bin bags (compost), four blue boxes (recyclable plastics/juice boxes) and three black boxes (cardboard) were collected and brought home by parishioners for city pickup. One bag of waste (only 5% of all collections) was sent to landfill. We support our Holy Father's wish that the earth, our home not "look more like an immense pile of filth." Bravo!

Other interests...

HERON EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE—Annual Fundraising Walk: The annual Step Up & Step Out to Stop Hunger is on **Sat., Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.** Register 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. 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+.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL INFORMATION SESSION: If interested in becoming a member attend the information session on **Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Church** (2340 Baseline Rd). Info: Contact Bryan De Pape at 613-739-4347/depapebryan@gmail.com or Pierre Hubert at 613-834-9778/pierrehubert@rogers.com.

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. 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 and for information regarding the guidelines, contact Warner Besserer at 613-323-1665 or email marilynwarnerb@live.com

'CALLED TO MISSION: ONE HEART-ONE MIND' CONFERENCE: For lay men & women, priests & religious at Holy Redeemer Parish on **Sat., Oct. 03 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Closing Mass at 5 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Guest speaker: Fr. Simon-Felix Michalski. Registration is required; call 613-225-6067 / 613-875-6279 or www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca. Hosted by Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate.