



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17 JANUARY 2016

**“Jesus said... ‘Fill the jars with water... Now draw some out...
Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana... and revealed his glory...”**

(17 January Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Jan. 16	5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 17	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Roger Cotter+ 9:30AM Mass – Brian Gibbons+ Margaret Allore+ Souls in Purgatory 11:15AM Mass – Michael Murphy+
Mon., Jan. 18	NO MASS
Tues., Jan. 19	9:30AM Mass – Joe Van Delst+
Wed., Jan. 20	12:15PM Mass – Doherty Family+
Thurs., Jan. 21	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass
Fri., Jan. 22	12:15PM Mass – Aline Girard (lvg)
Sat., Jan. 23	5:00PM Mass – Garry Brown+
Sun., Jan. 24	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+ Vivian Braganza+ Regina Lagera+ 11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+

Events Calendar

Sun., Jan. 17	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses Pancake Breakfast WYD Fundraiser – after morning Masses
Mon., Jan. 18	11:00AM Club 55+ Parish Friendly Visitors meeting – Library 12:30PM Potato Peelers
Tues., Jan. 19	7:00PM Finance – Rm. A 7:30PM MPD – Library 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Jan. 20	7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church 7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
Thurs., Jan. 21	1:00PM Club 55+ – Hall 6:30PM Come Join Us at The Table #1 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., Jan 23	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Jan. 24	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who are sick...

-Our parishioners—Ron Black, Bob Haughton, Alice Johnson, Don Kearns, Brigitte Komocki, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N’dah, Bev Olivastri, Garrett Patterson, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin

–Immediate family members—Tammy Barber (Bill McCauley), Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Harry Ganley (brother of Jean Ganley), Stephen Herlihey (son of Paul and Marlene Herlihey), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne), Kathy Radcliffe (sister of Bill Daub), Edna Rice (mother of Heather Rice)

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed soul of Meryle Cameron (husband of Joy Wright)

Pastor’s Column...

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We have returned to Ordinary Time but there is nothing ordinary about what is happening in the lives of Jesus or his Mother Mary. The last words spoken by someone are usually the most important. In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear the last words uttered by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Bible... “Do whatever he tells you”. Mary doesn’t speak often in the Scriptures but every time she does, her words overflow with wisdom. Our Blessed Mother encourages us to develop an attitude of creative service.

Even in the midst of a rollicking party a wedding feast where she was a guest and not a hostess, she kept her attention on the needs of others. She didn’t become self-absorbed in having a good time. Instead, she recognized the potential disaster and then took the initiative to do something about it.

This was Mary’s habitual approach to life. She always fostered an attitude of creative service. She kept her eyes open for opportunities to help others and took the initiative to seize those opportunities. This is the kind of creative service we are called to adopt in the ordinariness of our daily lives.

God Bless,
Deacon John

Parish News and Community Life...

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: PARENTS

whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that our **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM “COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE”** will begin on **Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. the parish hall**. Please **arrive 15 minutes early** to register your child. There will be a family workbook to purchase for \$12 on the first evening. Please make a note of the following dates for this program as well: February 04, 11, 18 & March 03 & 10.



2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up at the back of the church. Choose the next available box and fill out the slip of paper and place it in the basket. We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2015.

CLUB 55+: Our next "Learn and Lunch" takes place in the parish hall on **Thursday, January 21 at 1 p.m.** Our guest will be Gill Michelin from the Geriatric Psychiatry Community Service of Ottawa, speaking on the topic "Normal Versus Abnormal Aging". For lunch reservations, please contact Rosemary Choquette no later than NOON on Monday, January 18 at 613-521-6087 or club55@holycrossparish.com

DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE--More volunteers are still wanted for the sandwich-making bee in the parish hall at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27 (all ingredients provided). 50-70 sandwiches are distributed daily at DDFH to needy school children who would otherwise have no packed lunch. For a couple of hours, please come help assemble a week's worth while enjoying the company of other parishioners. Call Geri or Bob Laird at 613-731-4304.

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 Alex Howard at 613-523-4694 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Our parish Mission, Peace and Development committee meets this Tuesday January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The agenda will include among other items, preparation for the Development and Peace Share Lent campaign and the disbursement of \$9000 to children's homes in South Africa, Zambia and Nina Chung's charity in Kenya. This amount comes from the dedication of the African AIDS Angels team and the support of Holy Cross parishioners and others. For information on MPD call Peter Tobin at 613-526-0402.

CARE FOR CREATION – WHAT BIN TO PUT IT IN? The City of Ottawa has a new pamphlet on recycling for apartments and multi-units, and it also applies to single family homes. The pamphlet is very helpful as it contains photographs of what articles go into the green bin and the blue and black containers. Pamphlets are available for pickup on the MPD table at the back of the church. Let us heed Pope Francis' call for us to counteract our "throwaway culture" for which he states "only limited progress has been made" and for which "reusing and recycling" are important actions (Laudato Si', ¶22).

Other interests...

HEALING MINISTRY: The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered at Blessed Sacrament Church, **Thursday, January 21** after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. The session will include instruction on fruitful reception of healing ministry. Prayer teams will be available afterwards for personal healing prayer or prayer for other intentions and persons. For information call 613-232-4891.

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS: The annual Homelands' Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 p.m.** A reception will follow in the Cathedral hall. All are welcome.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE: Presentation with Deacon Yves Trottier on the Holy Door and the Door of Mercy. Also a presentation on the 7 Holy Doors Pilgrimage, Oct. 2016 (St. Peter Basilica, St. John Lateran, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Santa Maria Maggiore, Santiago de Compostela, St. Jean Vianney Sanctuary, Notre-Dame de Quebec). **Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. For information contact David Hnatiw at 613-620-1196 or go to <http://voyagesterranatura.ca>.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH (1060 Baseline Rd.) **Saturday, January 30 at 8:00 a.m.** As this breakfast takes place just after the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the speaker will be Baptist pastor, Ron Witmer, "Getting Closer to Heaven." Continental breakfast (with boiled eggs & beans). Cost: \$5 at the east door of the church. RSVP: (breakfastformen@gmail.com) or call Denis at 613-228-7646. All men welcome.

VOCATION FAIR BREAKFAST: "*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*" (Philippians 4:3) Join us for breakfast on **Saturday, February 13**, at St George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave. The Fair will begin with mass at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director of Archdiocese of Ottawa is our main speaker. For further info call 613-729-8710 or email events@servantsofthecross.ca

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: If you have the possibility to make your marriage better...where you and your spouse could deepen your love, to be happier and feel closer to each other, would you take the chance? Live a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Ottawa region: **February 26 - 28**. Places are limited. For information or to sign up contact Kathleen & Guy Séguin at 613-800-0866 or email kgseguin@gmail.com by February 15.

COLLECTION REPORT

10 January 2016 – \$4,215.90 (env) / \$714.30 (loose)

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**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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: During the winter months, snow and ice tend to build up on the roof of the Church and when the weather conditions turn mild, the snow and/or ice slides off. We are asking all parishioners to please be cautious when entering all entrances of the building and to please watch for ice build-up on the ground.
