



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24 JANUARY 2016

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor....**

**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

(24 January Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

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+

Mon., Jan. 25 **NO MASS**

Tues., Jan. 26 9:30AM Mass – Vincent Chung+

Wed., Jan. 27 12:15PM Mass – Christina Chung (lvg)

Thurs., Jan. 28 12:15PM Mass – Don Kearns (lvg)  
 Garry Brown+

Fri., Jan. 29 12:15PM Mass – Bryan Lawrence Shepherd+

Sat., Jan. 30 5:00PM Mass – Dr. Patrick Doyle+

Sun., Jan. 31 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Adelle Hunt+  
 9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+  
 Nicholas Randing (lvg)  
 Dean Gibbons (lvg)  
 11:15AM Mass – Fr. Willoughby+

### *Events Calendar*

Sat., Jan. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Jan. 24 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

Mon., Jan. 25 12:30PM Potato Peelers

Tues., Jan. 26 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A  
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Jan. 27 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A  
 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Jan. 28 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

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

Sun., Jan. 31 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 12:30PM Baptisms – Church

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

**-Our parishioners—**Ron Black, Bob Houghton, 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 Rose Marie Deveau+

### *Pastor’s Column...*

#### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In this weekend’s Gospel Saint Luke has just started telling the most important, wonderful story in all of human history. He obviously feels a need to do so, to write it out in a way that others can understand and reflect on. He knows what’s at stake: Jesus is the Savior, the promised Messiah, and if people don’t hear about him, they won’t be able to experience his salvation. And so, having heard the Good News himself, Luke automatically, naturally and spontaneously feels the need to share it.

Did Luke know that the Holy Spirit was inspiring him to write one of the inerrant books of the New Testament? Probably not. He just knew that he had to do this, and he had to do it as well as he could - asking all the eyewitnesses, putting things together clearly and truly, doing his homework. He rolled up his sleeves and got to work, and that’s what God used in order to achieve his plan for Luke’s life, and to reach out through him to millions of thirsty, searching souls throughout the following centuries.

Every one of us should feel that same need. If Jesus truly is the Savior, the Redeemer, the Eternal King then we should be eager to bring as many people as possible into his Kingdom. The intensity of our desire to share our faith with those around us is a direct indication of the health and maturity of our own soul. If we have discovered where to find the "pearl of great price," we should want to tell everybody we meet. Spreading Christ’s Kingdom isn’t a job just for priests and deacons. Every Christian through baptism is by nature a missionary. Every single one of us.

God Bless,  
Deacon John

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

#### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

**HOLY CROSS’ PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2016** will be held on **February 29, March 01, & 02** from **7 – 9 p.m.** Be sure to mark your calendars. More details will follow.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **February 10**. For the convenience of the Parishioners, two Masses will be celebrated with the imposition of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. All are welcome to participate. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.**



**If you have any blessed palms from previous years at home, you may bring them to Mass with you in preparation for Ash Wednesday and leave them in the basket provided at the entrance of the Church no later than Sunday, February 07.** If you forget to bring them and wish to dispose of them yourself remember that they are blessed. The correct way of disposing of anything blessed is to burn, bury or consume. It is a sign of respect that these items are not put in our regular garbage.

**2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still 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

#### 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

Development and Peace (D&P) is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working for the world's poor and oppressed peoples. Join us on Wednesday January 27 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre (1247 Kilborn Place) to learn more about Share Lent and the needs that Caritas sees around the world. A light meal will be included.

##### **CARE FOR CREATION – CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE COMMON GOOD:**

The Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences call for transformative solutions on climate change in support of the common good. They state, "The Catholic Church, working with the leadership of other religions, can take a decisive role by mobilizing public opinion and public funds to meet the energy needs of the poorest 3 billion to better prepare them to cope with impending climate changes and more generally to raise the incomes, education, healthcare and quality of life of the world's poorest". As stated by Pope Francis, "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home" (Laudato Si', § 13).

#### *Other interests...*

**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.

##### **WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE:**

Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this

workshop at their parish on Wednesday, January 27 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. See COLF's brochure and workshop guide. Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH:** 1060 Baseline (near Merivale), **Saturday, January 30 at 8 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." We will be serving a Continental breakfast (with boiled eggs & beans). Cost: \$5 at the east door of the church. RSVP: Denis (613-228-7646) or breakfastformen@gmail.com. All men welcome.

##### **MARYVALE ACADEMY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA**

**"HEART OF MERCY":** At the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave., on **Saturday, February 06** with live/silent auctions, draw, music & dancing. There will be cocktails and a Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$80/per person (\$40 tax receipt). For information or tickets call 613-321-2186 or go to [www.maryvaleacademy.ca](http://www.maryvaleacademy.ca).

##### **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](mailto: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](mailto:kgseguin@gmail.com) by February 15.

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### COLLECTION REPORT

17 January 2016 – \$3,810.00 (env) / \$625.70 (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.**

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##### **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.

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