



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 31 JANUARY 2016

**“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing...
Truly I tell you, no Prophet is accepted in his hometown.”**

(31 January Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13, Luke 4:21-30)

Announced Mass intentions

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+
Mon., Feb. 01	NO MASS
Tues., Feb. 02	9:30AM Mass – Pusparini Randing (lvg)
	Garry Brown+
Wed., Feb. 03	12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Thurs., Feb. 04	10:00AM Communion Service held at
	Windsor Park Manor
	12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
Fri., Feb. 05	12:15PM Mass – Herbert Family+
	Valeriano Dela Cruz+
Sat., Feb. 06	5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Feb. 07	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Maurice Bureau+
	9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+
	Molly Belanger+
	Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (lvg)
	11:15AM Mass – Joseph & Frank Tomas+

Events Calendar

Sat., Jan. 30	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Jan. 31	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
	12:30PM Baptisms – Church
Mon., Feb. 01	12:30PM Potato Peelers
Tues., Feb. 02	7:00PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
	8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Feb. 03	7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
Thurs., Feb. 04	1:00PM Club 55+ - Hall
	6:30PM Come Join Us at The Table #2
	7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Feb. 05	1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
Sat., Feb. 06	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Feb. 07	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses
MPD Reverse offering for Food Drive – all Masses

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 Julianne Ricketts+

Pastor’s Column...

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday’s readings call us to ask ourselves... are we successful Christians? It is not an easy question to answer. What is the measure of success for the followers of Jesus? Is it enough to avoid really big sins and make it to Mass on Sundays? This isn’t the criteria that Jesus gives us!

He put the bar higher, because he loves us, and when you love someone you always seek the very best for them. You are not satisfied with mediocrity. Jesus didn’t command us just to go to Church and be nice. He commanded us to love one another as he loved us, and to go out and make disciples of all nations. That’s what Jesus did and he was successful at it. And what did his success bring him? Misunderstanding, persecution, rejection, unpopularity.

He went around doing good, tiring himself out healing the sick, casting demons out of the possessed, comforting the troubled, giving himself to others out of love, and what did he get for it? All the influential and powerful people - the Pharisees and Sadducees - started calling him a rabble-rouser and spreading rumors that he was a drunkard and an agent of the devil. He went around preaching the truth, the truth about sin and salvation. He preached it fearlessly, eloquently, lovingly, with his words and with his example. And what did he get for it? His own townspeople rejected him; they tried to throw him off a cliff! Jesus fulfilled his life mission, but it didn’t make him popular.

If we are to fulfill our life mission, we need to be ready to suffer similar consequences. We can measure our success as Christians not by how comfortable our faith is making us, but by how uncomfortable it is making us.

God Bless,
Deacon John

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.

2015 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the back of the Church. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2015.

2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you do not have your envelopes for 2016 please be sure to take a box home with you.

CLUB 55+: Our next gathering takes place in the parish hall on **Thursday, February 04** at 1:00 p.m. Please consider joining us after Mass for a light lunch (a fee of \$5.00 will apply) followed by an optional 30 minute spiritual reflection on the subject "Preparation for Lent" and an afternoon of cards, games, crafts, and conversation. For reservations, please contact Rosemary Choquette at 613-521-6087 or e-mail club55@holycrossparish.com no later than Mon., Feb. 01.

DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE -- Holy Cross parishioners deserve so much recognition already this winter for their generous support of the services and programmes at DDFH. Club 55+ donated many boxes of both practical and decorative items after the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. This past Wednesday 10 enthusiastic parishioners made over 500 sandwiches in the church hall for DDFH's Emergency Food Lunch Programme so that no children go hungry at school in the days ahead. Thanks to all who have given their time, help and gifts in groups, individually, and often anonymously.

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.

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Our parish **FOOD DRIVE** will take place on the first weekend of Lent, **February 13/14**. In preparation we will have a Reverse Offering this coming weekend. Be prepared to pick a slip of paper from the basket. It will indicate what food item you are encouraged to donate. Our AIDS Angels team starts up this Friday, February 05. Drop by room A anytime between 1 and 3:30 p.m., observe, have a 'cuppa' and if you wish, join in the fun of Angel making.

CARE FOR CREATION – COSMOLOGY AND CREATION: Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Director of the Vatican Observatory in Rome is offering a public lecture on ***Big Bang Cosmology and Divine Creation: The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics*** at the Alumni Auditorium (85 University Private) of the University of Ottawa, **Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.** Reception following at Café Nostalgica. The talk, part of Catholic Students Week, will explore current cosmological thinking and how it challenges traditional metaphysics.

Other interests...

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.

THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA: The Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral is the left front door closest to Guigues St. The Door of Mercy will be accessible Monday, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. Mass time details and contact information can be found at <http://www.catholicottawa.ca>. For information about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence go to <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>.

HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE TO CHILDREN & YOUNG TEENAGERS WITH REGARD TO THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY: Message available online: (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/>). The message is intended for the Jubilee for young people, which will be celebrated by the Holy See, April 23 - 25, 2016.

COLLECTION REPORT

24 January 2016 – \$4,083.80 (env) / \$616.25 (loose)

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