



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 07 FEBRUARY 2016

**“...they caught so many fish...
But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,
‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’”**

(07 February Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11)

Announced Mass intentions

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| 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+ |
| Mon., Feb. 08 | NO MASS |
| Tues., Feb. 09 | 9:30AM Mass –Doherty Family+ |
| Wed., Feb. 10 | ASH WEDNESDAY
12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes
7:00PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes |
| Thurs., Feb. 11 | 9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge
10:00AM Communion Service held at Landmark Court
12:15PM Mass – Sydney & Sophie (lvg) |
| Fri., Feb. 12 | 12:15PM Mass– Kennedy & Dubord Family+ |
| Sat., Feb. 13 | 5:00PM Mass – Barbara Moore+
Mathew Pulickal+ |
| Sun., Feb. 14 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+
Tony Costanza+
Jim Howard+
11:15AM Mass – Sim Pingul Nakpil+ |

Events Calendar

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| 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 |
| Mon., Feb. 08 | 12:30PM NO Potato Peelers |
| Tues., Feb. 09 | 7:30PM Hospitality – Library
8:00PM A.A. – Hall |
| Thurs., Feb. 11 | 10:00AM Club 55+ planning mtg. – Library
6:30PM Come Join Us at The Table #3
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church |
| Fri., Feb. 12 | 7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church |
| Sat., Feb. 13 | 9:00AM K of C 2 nd Degree – Hall/Library
9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Rm. A
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. C |
| Sun., Feb. 14 | 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Coffee Sunday after all morning Masses
MPD Food Drive after 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 Alverna Di Labio+

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### *Pastor’s Column...*

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We all know why Jesus came to earth. He came to redeem the fallen world, to pay the price for our sins and to lead every member of the human family back into friendship with God. We all know that, and we don’t usually forget about it. But we do sometimes forget that Jesus doesn’t want to do all the work himself. As St Augustine used to say, although God created us without us, he won’t save us without us. In other words, he has chosen to accomplish his mission of salvation with our cooperation.

Every one of us, since the moment of our baptism, has been called by God to be co-missionaries with Jesus Christ. This is why, in today’s First Reading, the prophet Isaiah hears God ask the question: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" God wants us to participate in his mission of salvation. He gives us a chance to join him in building up the eternal Kingdom. All we have to do is say, with Isaiah, "Here I am! Send me!"

The encounter between Jesus and his first Apostles in today’s Gospel gives us the same message. First, Jesus asks Peter to lend him his boat, so that he can have a better podium for addressing the huge crowds. That boat was Peter’s livelihood, his life. Jesus also wants to speak to the desperate, discouraged crowds of today’s world from our boats, from the words, deeds, and example of our lives. And then, after the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus invites Peter to follow him and become “fishers of men,” co-missionaries. The mission of Jesus is to save the world, but he is no Lone Ranger; he has chosen to depend on a volunteer army of co-missionaries – Peter, James, John, and each and every one of us.

God Bless,  
Deacon John

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**HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2016**

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Dear Parishioners, I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged the **PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2016**. The following are the details:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Paulson Veliyannoor  
Theme: **MERCY AND THE PARABLES**  
Dates: February 29, March 01 and 02  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We will conclude our Lenten Mission with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday March 02.

I invite all my dear parishioners to make use of the God given opportunity to renew and refresh yourselves spiritually during this Lenten Season.

Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

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**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.**



With Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting. On **Lenten Friday's** we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.** (see schedule below). Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. All are welcome.

Friday, February 12 – lead by the Youth  
Friday, February 19 – lead by MPD  
Friday, February 26 – lead by Pastoral Care/Bereavement  
Friday, March 04 – lead by the Knights of Columbus  
Friday, March 11 – lead by the Parish Pastoral Council  
Friday, March 18 – lead by the Prayer Group  
**Good Friday, March 25 (at 10:00 a.m.) – Children's Liturgy will lead the Stations of the Cross**  
**Good Friday, March 25– Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.**

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF**



**CONFIRMATION:** Children in grade 6 who are already baptised Catholic will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**.

Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend a **MANDATORY PARENT MEETING** on **MONDAY, MARCH 07 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall (**please arrive 15 minutes early**). It is **important that you bring a copy (not original) of your child's baptismal certificate with you** to the meeting. Please note that you must attend this meeting to receive important dates etc for your child.

**CONFIRMATION—ADULT & TEENAGE CATHOLICS:** Confirmation for adult & teenaged Catholics (grade 9 and above) will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 15 at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. Those who are interested are asked to bring a copy of their Catholic baptismal certificate and register at the parish office or for more information call the parish office at 613-731-7834.

**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.

**NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS:** At the request of the Diocese, Holy Cross is piloting a parish-based **"FRIENDLY VISITING TEAM"** project. Its purpose is to support parishioners and /or their caregivers. An ad hoc planning committee conducted four introductory workshops in November 2015. As a second step, we are planning 4 Monday morning training sessions. The first session is scheduled for April 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon in the parish hall followed by the other training sessions on May 02, 16 and 30. For information, contact Myrnah Vullings 613-737-0755 or mevullings@gmail.com.

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 Christina Chung at 613-737-4609 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

*Social Action...*

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Thanks everyone for participating in today's 'reverse offering' in preparation for next weekend's parish food drive. Unfortunately the demand on our local food banks continues unabated. Whatever your situation allows and your generosity inspires, will be deeply appreciated by the staff and clients at the food banks. Holy Cross assists the food banks at Heron, Debra Dynes, Banff and Greenboro Pavilion.

**CARE FOR CREATION – HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER:** Pope Francis' universal prayer intention for February is "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations". In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis raises questions—"What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn" (§160).

*Other interests...*

**VOCATION FAIR BREAKFAST:** If you know of anyone who might be a good future priest or sister, invite them to attend with you for breakfast on **Saturday, February 13**, at St George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave. The Fair will begin with Mass at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director of Archdiocese of Ottawa is our main speaker. For info call 613-729-8710 / 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 ksguin@gmail.com by February 15.