



# 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 08 OCTOBER 2017

**“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;...”**

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43)

## *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., Oct. 07 5:00PM Mass – Fr. Bill Ryan+
- Sun., Oct. 08 **27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9:30AM Mass – Melanie Costanza (Ivg)  
 Apie Lucie Adje+  
 Shirley Clavette+
- 11:15AM Mass – Brian Beahent+
- NO MASS**
- Mon., Oct. 09 9:30AM Mass– Molly Bacchiochi+
- Tues., Oct. 10 12:15PM Mass – Gary Kilbertus+
- Wed., Oct. 11 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
 Billings Lodge
- Thurs., Oct. 12 12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving to  
 St. Joseph
- Fri., Oct. 13 12:15PM Mass
- Sat., Oct. 14 5:00PM Mass – Carlo Fantinic+
- Sun., Oct. 15 **28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+  
 9:30AM Mass – George Petetski+  
 Fesseha Weri+  
 Pelagia De la Cruz+
- 11:15AM Mass – Karl Marshall+

## *Events Calendar ...*

- Sat., Oct. 07 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Oct. 08 9:30AM **NO** Children's Liturgy  
 12:30PM Baptism - Church  
**St. Vincent de Paul – CLOTHING DRIVE**
- Mon., Oct. 09 **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tues., Oct. 10 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Oct. 11 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Oct. 12 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Oct. 13 9:00AM Pain Management Workshop #4
- Sat., Oct. 14 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church  
 9:30AM **NO** Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Oct. 15 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
 Knights of Columbus speaking at all Masses  
**St. Vincent de Paul – CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**Pancake Breakfast** – after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses – Hall

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

—**Our parishioners**—Valtazar Almeida, Ron Black, Denyse Baizana, Emile Chartrand, Fr. Peter Cody, Dorothy Daub, Hurb Durand, Bob Haughton, Thérèse Lavoie, Charlotte McCarthy

—**Immediate family members**— Jessica Brighton (daughter of Trish & Bill McCauley), Guillaume Chatelain (brother of Michelle Mysak), Patricia Cotter (sister of Carole Lemieux), Joann Egan (sister of Aileen Halls), Theo Flansberry (brother of Ray), Harry Ganley (brother of Jean), Marc Gardner (brother of Louise

Gardner), Michael Giroux (brother of Robert), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), André Leduc (brother of Louise), Kevin McNamara (son of Jim & Lila), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Dennis Robello (father of Serena), James Silva (son of Barbara & Enrique)

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## *Pastor's Message...*

I would like you to keep this reflection as you celebrate this Thanksgiving weekend.

*If you woke up this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs, and read the paper with two good eyes...you are more blessed than millions of those who could not do these simple things.*

*If you have ever experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.*

*If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.*

*If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world.*

*If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.*

*If you are over thirty and either of your parents is still alive, you are very rare. Over a billion people are orphans by then. If you hood your head with a smile on your face and truly thankful...you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.*

God bless you.

Fr. Lukose

Pastor

## *Deacon's Column...*

### **GOD IS GOOD, PATIENT, AND MERCIFUL**

This Sunday God is reminding us that all good things in life have come from him. We often get angry at God and ask why he allows bad things to happen. However, considering this question we must humbly and honestly ask ourselves another important question: Why do good things happen, why is there any good in the world at all, where did it come from?

Our Gospel paints the picture of a vineyard, or a garden. Gardens are environments carefully created by gardeners to enable plants to be healthy and reach maturity, bearing abundant fruit. God sees our souls as gardens of virtue. Just as God supplied the vineyard with air, sunlight, water, soil, the wall to protect it, and the tower to guard it, so he supplies each one of us with life, talents, opportunities, family,

sacraments, faith, knowledge, conscience, and the guidance of the Church. There is no good thing we can think of that doesn't owe its origin and existence to God.

One of the very best things God gives us is his mercy, his patience. The story of the landowner shows how many chances God gives his tenants to do the right thing, to fulfill their duties, to do what they were put there to do. When they don't do what's right, God sends three different messengers, including his own son. In justice, however, he didn't have to send any. He could have evicted those selfish stewards straight away. But God is patient with our sin and selfishness. He keeps giving us more and more chances, many more than we deserve. He never gives up on us, even though sometimes we give up on ourselves. God's boundless mercy is the best evidence of his immense goodness.

God bless  
Deacon John

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

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** For the daily Mass readings we have a new resource called **THE WORD AMONG US** (Mass edition). It provides the daily Mass as well as daily meditations. *The Word Among Us* along with *Living With Christ* will be provided monthly and both may be found on the bookrack at the back of the Church.

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### 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 **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall (**please arrive 20 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.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY –



Our Parish needs to breathe the fragrance of the season. So let us come together to beautify **OUR PARISH**. We invite you to join us for a clean-up day on **Saturday, November 04 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in helping make our Parish beautiful! **Bring your pails and rubber gloves** as we join together as one family in making Holy Cross beautiful. **Attention high school students:** This is an excellent opportunity for you to acquire your volunteer hours!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast **after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. morning Masses** on **Sunday, October 15**. Everyone is welcome to come out for a great meal and wonderful fellowship. Free will offering.

Proceeds will be directed to building a new Christmas crèche for our Parish.

**MANAGING CHRONIC PAIN:** The 6 sessions of **"Managing Chronic Pain"** has **9 spaces available** for anyone who might be interested. Call Fran at 613-737-5226.

**CURSILLO / ULTREYA** on **Saturday, October 14** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cursillo offers a simple and effective method to develop and sustain a Christian spirituality, mentality, activity and community. For information, contact Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590/[micsim.larouche@sympatico.ca](mailto:micsim.larouche@sympatico.ca).

**HOLY CROSS MIXED BRIDGE CLUB** is looking for new **couple** players. The club has been active for over 40 years. The schedule operates as a marathon where each couple in the group is given a proposed schedule with home and away games. Call Ray or June at 613-249-9773 if interested.

### HOSPITALITY

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Hospitality Committee will be hosting the annual **OLD-FASHIONED PARISH SUPPER on Saturday, November 04**, beginning at 6 p.m. We will be serving roast turkey, ham, veggies, all the trimmings and dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Cost is \$15/per adult and \$4/for children 11 years and under. Tickets are available for purchase beginning next weekend, October 14/15 and the following two weekends.

### PASTORAL CARE

**PASTORAL CARE MEMBERS** are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Helen Castle at 613-737-5798.

### *Social Justice...*

The Mission, Peace and Development Committee (MPD) has been renamed the **Social Justice Committee (SJC)** to reflect better the causes we currently support: Development and Peace, Debra Dynes Partnership, Care for Creation, Elimu, Food Drives, and Refugee Resettlement. As Peter Tobin & Lorna Kingston move away, we want to thank them for their great success with the AIDS Angels project, and Peter for his inspiring leadership for many years as MPD Chair.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE:** The Ottawa South St. Vincent de Paul Conference with the support of Club 55+ is holding a clothing drive to aid the St. Vincent de Paul stores on Wellington & Merivale. Bring your new and gently used clothing for men, women and children at all the masses this weekend until October 14/15. Your donations may be placed in the box provided at the front entrance of the church.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** ends November 05. *Vigil hours:* 7 am - 7 pm daily, across the street from the abortion facility at 65 Bank St. *Proclamation of the Word hours:* 11 am – 1 pm daily. For Vigil Hour registration, Proclaiming the Word, parking etc contact Warner Besserer at 613-323-665/[marilynwarnerb@live.com](mailto:marilynwarnerb@live.com) or [www.holycrossparish.com](http://www.holycrossparish.com). **Our Parish Vigil Site Day** is October 18, from 1 - 7 pm. Sign-up sheet may be found at the entrance of the Church.

### *Other interests...*

**Theology On Tap-Fatima 100 Years Later:** Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, will speak on Our Lady of Fatima and Marian Consecration. At Malone's Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr., **Thurs., Oct. 19, 70 – 9 p.m.** Movies on Our Lady of Fatima shown before and after the event.