



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14 JANUARY 2018

“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

(14 January Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Jan. 13 5:00PM Mass – Tony Costanza+
Enriqueta Victoriano+

Sun., Jan. 14 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – George Petetski+
9 :30AM Mass – Lillian Petrocco+
Beulah Aubin+
David Roy+
11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+
Joseph & Frank Tomas+

Mon., Jan. 15 **NO MASS**

Tues., Jan. 16 9:30AM Mass– Molly Bocchiocki+
Holy Cross Parishioners

Wed., Jan. 17 12:15PM Mass – Deacon John and
Sue Kennedy (lvg)

Thurs., Jan. 18 10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Roger Patry+

Fri., Jan. 19 12:15PM Mass – Gerta Patry+
Robert Reid+
Gary Coté+

Sat., Jan. 20 5:00PM Mass – Gerard Latour+

Sun., Jan. 21 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Roger Cotter+
9:30AM Mass – Boruski Family (lvg)
Beulah Aubin+
Fresseha Fre+
11:15AM Mass – George Petetski+

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Jan. 13 10:00AM Refresher course for Defibrillators
held in parish hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
6:00PM **Youth Event** following the 5 pm
Mass in the parish hall

Sun., Jan. 14 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
**Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
Pancake Breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

Mon., Jan 15 12:30PM Potato Peelers - Hall
6:30PM R.C.I.A. & Bible Study – Hall

Tues., Jan. 16 1:30PM Hospitality – Library
7:00PM Finance – Rm. A
8:00PM A.A. - Hall

Wed., Jan. 17 7:00PM Social Justice meeting – Library
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice - Church

Thurs., Jan. 18 12:45PM Club 55+ - Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice - Church

Sat., Jan. 20 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Jan. 21 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Rite of Acceptance during the 9:30 Mass
Coffee Sunday after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who are sick...
—**Our parishioners**—Valtazar Almeida, Ron Black, Denyse
Baizana, Emile Chartrand, Dorothy Daub, Hurb Durand, Jean
Ganley, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Laturnus, Thérèse Lavoie

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of
Betty Mahon+ (sister of Jane Pyne); Eugene “Gene”
Levasseur+ (husband of Beverly Levasseur and Uncle of
Heather Rice)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates and our children
preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and
Confirmation.

Deacon’s Column...

JESUS IS THE MEANING OF LIFE

History's great philosophers and religious leaders have given various answers to humanity's central question: What is the meaning of life? But only Jesus Christ has given us the complete answer and He gives it in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus is about thirty years old, and the time has come for him to leave behind his simple life as a carpenter in Nazareth and take up his public ministry of preaching to the crowds and training his twelve apostles. Where does he go to find those apostles? To John the Baptist, who had been preparing his own disciples to recognize and welcome the Messiah. So, as Jesus walks along the bank of the River Jordan, John the Baptist points at him and tells his two disciples that he is the One, the Lamb of God, the Messiah. John and Andrew can barely believe their ears; they decide to check out this new Rabbi. Jesus hears them approaching, turns around, looks them in the eye, and asks: "What are you looking for?" This is the key question. In other words, where are you searching for meaning in your life? Struck by the simplicity and warmth of Jesus' greeting, and maybe surprised by the question, they just say, "Teacher, where are you staying?" Maybe without realizing it, they have given the perfect answer: "Jesus, we are looking for you; we want to stay with you." A smile spreads over Jesus' face, and he says to them, "Come, and you will see." He invites them to walk with him, to follow him, to be his companions - and this is Jesus' answer to the question of life's meaning. The meaning of life is not a thing to be possessed, or an abstract doctrine to be understood. The meaning of life is a relationship to be lived out: it is a personal friendship with Jesus.

God bless,
Deacon John

COLLECTION REPORT

07 January 2018 – \$3,325.00 (env) / \$498.35 (loose)

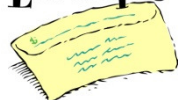
~ *Thank you for your generosity and support* ~

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents are reminded that the **PREPARATION SESSION** for children who are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Please arrive **20 minutes before the session begins.**

CLUB 55: Please join us at our next gathering on **Thursday, January 18 in the Parish hall following the 12:15 Mass.** A **full HOT lunch** will be provided (\$6.00 pp) followed by time for games and crafts. Please invite those you know who might enjoy an outing at this chilly time of year.

COMMUNITY HELPERS WORKSHOP: **January 25 and February 01 & 08 (9 am - 12 pm)** to help build on your knowledge and skills to meet the challenges facing seniors including Mental, Physical, Social and Spiritual health, Elder abuse, Loss and Grieving.

Offering Envelopes



2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. Be sure to pick up your envelopes if you have not yet done so. Please put your name and address on the back of the "Initial Offering" envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts. **We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2017.**

Your donations are critical for the financial health of the Parish. There are two methods in supporting the Parish—the use of Offertory Envelopes or using Pre-Authorized Payment (PAD). Those who do not have Envelopes and would like a box are asked to please contact the Parish office at 613-731-7834 and a box will be prepared for you. PAD forms may be found on the table next to the envelopes.

NOTICE: Please check the lost and found box near the elevator within the next couple of weeks. We have found glasses, keys, gloves, hats, and scarves etc. Those items that are not picked up by the **end of February**, we will be donating to St. Vincent de Paul.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Following the Knights of Columbus regular meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:30 p.m., Roberto Brenes, K.C., Fraternal Councillor, will give a presentation on financial investments. All are welcomed.

PASTORAL CARE

OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Sue Kennedy at 613-523-4748.

Social Justice...

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—if you are interested in being a part of Holy Cross' outreach and social justice activities, please join us at our first meeting on Wednesday,

January 17 at 7 pm in the Library. Call Bob Laird for further information at 613-731-4304.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 14), Pope Francis calls us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees. As he stated in his recent World Day of Peace Message, "In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands."

Other interests...

HOMELANDS' MASS: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. All welcome!

JOURNEY OF HOPE – A PROGRAM FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, March 20 – April 24 from 7 – 9 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, March 22 – May 03 from 7 – 9 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by March 16 by calling Mary Jane Manley at 613-294-1308 or go to www.journeyofhopeottawa.com.

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Kindergarten Registration Week for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will take place January 15-19. Our mission is to educate the heart, mind, body and soul of our diverse learners, to nurture and support them through an education rooted in Catholic values! Registration info and listing of Registration Open House events at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.



Direct Your **United Way Contributions** to Holy Cross Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to Holy Cross? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 6R8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well. Charity Name: Holy Cross Parish/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0012.

Food For Thought †

"But when he heard this, he said, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick...For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." (Matthew 9:12-13)
"God didn't look at our frazzled lives and say, 'I'll die for you when you deserve it.'" No, despite our sin, in the face of our rebellion, he chose to adopt us. And for God, there's no going back. His grace is come-as-you-are promise from a one-of-a-kind King. You've been found, called, and adopted; so trust your Father and claim this verse as your own: "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us". (Roman 5:8). So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God." (Galatians 4:7). In the Grip of Grace—Max Lucado