



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11 FEBRUARY 2018

*“If you choose, you can make me clean...  
...and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!”*

(Today's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11-1; Mark 1:40-45)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

Sat., Feb. 10	5:00PM <b>Youth Mass</b> Sylvia Francis (lvg) Marc Gardner+
Sun., Feb. 11	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:00AM Mass – Jacob Kramers+ Holy Cross Parishioners 9 :30AM Mass – Emma Woolsey (lvg) Loreta DiVito+ Fesseha Fre+ 11:15AM Mass – David Grant+
Mon., Feb. 12	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues., Feb. 13	9:30AM Mass– In Thanksgiving Barbara Moore+
Wed., Feb. 14	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes Garry Brown+ Jim Howard+ 7:00PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes
Thurs., Feb. 15	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Antonella Rrotani (lvg) Doherty Family+
Fri., Feb. 16	12:15PM Mass – Barbara Costanza (lvg) Gerard Latour+ Giovanni & Janice Cacciotti+
Sat., Feb. 17	5:00PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+
Sun., Feb. 18	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Roger Patry+ Beulah Aubin+ Frank McDonald+ 11:15AM Mass – Gene Levasseur+

### *Events Calendar ...*

Sat., Feb. 10	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 10:00AM <b>Tour of the Church</b> for Holy First Communion 6:00PM <b>Youth Event</b> following the 5 pm Mass in the parish hall
Sun., Feb. 11	9:30AM Children's Liturgy <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. morning Masses <b>Reverse offering for Food Drive</b> – at all Masses
Mon., Feb. 12	12:30PM Potato Peelers - Hall 1:30PM Hospitality – Library 6:30PM R.C.I.A. & Bible Study – Hall
Tues., Feb. 13	6:30PM <b>Confirmation Preparation Session</b> – Church

Tues., Feb. 13	8:00PM A.A. - Hall
Thurs., Feb. 15	12:45PM Club 55+ - Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice - Church
Fri., Feb. 16	7:00PM <b>Stations of the Cross</b> – Church
Sat., Feb. 17	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Feb. 18	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Rite of Election at the 9:30 a.m. Mass <b>Coffee Sunday</b> after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses <b>Food Drive</b> at all Masses

### ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
St. Caesarius of Arles (470-542) described the perennial challenge of Lent: "Devoting ourselves to God out of love for eternal life, during these days let us with all solicitude strive to repair and compose in the little ship of our soul whatever throughout the year has been broken or destroyed or damaged or ruined by many storms, that is, by the waves of sin."

Ash Wednesday's gospel reading highlights prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as some dependable practices of Lent to help us in this renewal (see Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18).

The Church encourages Catholics to make the entire Lenten season a period of discipline with attention to personal prayer, participation in Mass, and the observance of fasting (only one full meal that day) and abstinence (not eating meat that day).

During Lent, there is obligatory fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30), and abstinence on the other Fridays. These are the basics for everyone and I recommend that you observe these traditional practices.

A little self-denial is healthy in many ways. It gives you a tiny insight into Jesus' agony on the cross for you. It gives you a hint of the suffering of the needy who do not share your life of abundance. It also asserts that not every appetite controls you. The opposite, unbroken self-indulgence, is a form of idolatry: "Their end is destruction; their god is the belly." (Philippians 3:19)

Disconnecting for a time could help you experience Jesus' forty days in the desert. Unplug from the noise that surrounds you to concentrate on what is important. Quiet and solitude will help you to become still and find time for family interaction, prayer, and listening to God's Word in the Scriptures.

May the Lord bless you and all in the Archdiocese as we set out to celebrate the Easter mystery "with the joy of minds made pure" (Lenten Preface1).

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.  
Archbishop of Ottawa

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## COLLECTION REPORT

04 February 2018 – 3,614.00 (env) / \$582.45 (loose)

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

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### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

**HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2018** will be held on **March 19, 20 & 21** from **7 – 9 p.m.** Theme: *the Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.* Our Preachers will be Fr. Thomas Thennedy CMF and Fr. Eslin Pereira CMF. We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 21. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **February 14.** 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.**



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 7:00 p.m.**

**PREPARATION SESSION:** For the children who are registered for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please arrive 20 minutes early.

**CLUB 55:** Join us on **Thursday, February 15** in the parish hall following the 12:15 pm Mass. A 'Sweetheart' lunch will served, complete with a hot entrée, salad and dessert (\$6 pp). Take part in our annual '**Olympiad Games**' which will include 5 different events. Cards and games will also be available. Bring along a friend and enjoy a fun afternoon!

**FEBRUARY 18 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN & MISSIONARY WORKS:** Throughout the years the proceeds from the Diocesan & Missionary Works collection have enabled the Archdiocese to extend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need as a result of natural disasters such as the famine in Africa, the earthquake in Haiti and the forest fires in Alberta. The Archdiocese has also contributed financially to other worthwhile causes such as the CHEO Foundation, Kateri Native Ministry, several Pro-Life organizations and others. At this time, this special collection has become even more important. In recent years, the Canadian dioceses in the South have undertaken to help the dioceses in Northern Canada financially in carrying out their pastoral work. The Archdiocese of Ottawa has been twinned with the dioceses of Hearst and Moosonee. It has become quite urgent to assist these 'missionary dioceses' which we are called to draw near to our hearts. Special envelopes for this purpose are in the pews as well as in the Church Offertory envelope boxes.

**HOLY CROSS JUBILEE CELEBRATION MARCH 2018 - MARCH 2019:** In March 2019, Holy Cross will mark the Jubilee Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the church on March 23, 1969. **Next month, Bishop Christian Riesbeck will preside at a Mass on Sunday, March 18.**

We will celebrate this important milestone throughout the coming year with a series of religious and parish community events, culminating on the weekend of March 24, 2019. Further details will be provided throughout the year as specific activities take place. I look forward to your participation in the coming year and invite you to help out in some way.

**CAN YOU HELP?** To highlight the past 50 years of our Catholic community, we would like to create an installation of pictures to capture the many special events and moments that have taken place in the parish. Should you have any 'old photographs', such as the ground breaking, the first Mass, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, ministry activities, etc., and would be willing to donate or loan the picture(s) for the installation, that would be much appreciated. If you can help in this regard, please send an email using the parish Contact Form to: <http://www.holycrossparish.com/contact> or by calling the office at 613-731-7834.

**2017 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 2017.

### *Social Justice...*

**FOOD DRIVE:** Please remember to bring your donations for our Lenten Food Drive to Mass next weekend (February 17/18). We will deliver your donations to 4 nearby food banks on Tuesday, February 20th. We would appreciate 2 or 3 volunteers to come to the Church Hall at 10:00am on the 20th to help move the grocery bags into cars for delivery. Call Geri Laird if you can help at 613-731-4304.

**PROTECTION OF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN ONTARIO:** A recent ruling by an Ontario lower court has just affirmed the importance of our support for the New Call for Conscience Campaign currently underway in our Diocese. The court has ruled that the policy of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, which requires all doctors to provide an effective referral for Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide, while it violated the doctors' right to freedom of Religion, the violation was justified in order to provide access to patients to Euthanasia. Nothing in this ruling would preclude a legislated solution and with the upcoming Provincial election, it is critical that we let our MPP's know that we want a legislated conscience protection for all doctors, nurses, and other health care workers. For more info about this ruling, the Call to Conscience Campaign and to send a letter to our local MPP and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, go to the Coalition for HealthCare and Conscience website at [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca). Send this letter by Feb. 28. If you don't have Internet access and are using the form letters at Church entrances, please place the completed letter(s) in the designated box at the Walkley entrance by the weekend of Feb 24/25. For more information, please contact Pro-Life Rep Warner Besserer at 613-323-1665 or email [marilynwarnerb@live.com](mailto:marilynwarnerb@live.com)

**Pro life Mass** celebrated on Sat., Feb. 24 at 10 am at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (320 Olmstead St., Vanier).