



EASTER SUNDAY – 01 APRIL 2018

“The Lord has risen indeed...”

(Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18)

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ALLELUIA

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Mar. 31	EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD followed by a reception in the hall
Sun., April 01	EASTER SUNDAY 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+ Alice Johnson+ Donald Michael+ 11:15AM Mass – Tilije Family (lvg) Roger Milan+
Mon., April 02	NO MASS
Tues., April 03	9:30AM Mass– Harry Goldsmith (lvg) Marc Gardner+
Wed., April 04	12:15PM Mass – Sr. Rita Thibault (lvg)
Thurs., April 05	12:15PM Mass – Marylee Jennings (lvg)
Fri., April 06	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg) Richard Cathcart+ Mariano Quitain+
Sat., April 07	5:00PM Youth Mass Emile Chartrand+ Pat Scott+
Sun., April 08	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 8:00AM Mass – Elda Sauvé+ 9:30AM Mass – Roger Patry+ Fesseha Fre+ Josephine Staz+ 11:15AM Mass – Sr. Florence Walsh+ Fr. Edward Walsh+

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Mar. 31	9:00AM Rehearsal for RCIA 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Mon., April 02	OFFICE CLOSED
Tues., April 03	8:00PM A.A. - Hall
Wed., April 04	7:00PM K of C Executive meeting 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
Thurs., April 05	12:45PM Club 55+ - Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., April 07	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall
Sun., April 08	9:30AM Children's Liturgy 2:30PM Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy – Church

Guest Speaker at all Masses regarding the
New Evangelization Summit coming to Ottawa

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Easter Mystery is the foundation of Christian faith. Without the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, says St. Paul, “our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15.14)

In the celebration of the three holiest days of our liturgical year, the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday), Catholics participate in moments of great joy—such as the first Mass Jesus instituted on Holy Thursday. We also participate in the profound suffering He endured on Good Friday.

The culmination of these special days is the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday. It is the most powerful liturgical celebration. Christians share an experience of the mystery, beauty, and joy of Easter.

Easter affirms that God's love triumphs over death. God's grace and mercy defeat sin.

Easter is a time of rejoicing that Jesus, who shared in family life with Mary and Joseph, shares too in our family life.

This is especially the case in those moments where we share our faith together with each other: grace at meal times, family rosary, prayers before bed, and celebrating Mass together on Sunday. We do not have to be the perfect family to invite Him into our lives.

Pope Francis writes in his apostolic exhortation on family life (*Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love*), “I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.”

Our family is God's gift to us and good news for the world. This vital institution is the building block of society and of the Church. We can describe the family as “the domestic church” — church life lived in the home — where we practice Christian virtues, love, and pray with and for each other. At home, we learn the value of mercy, reconciliation, and forgiveness towards one another.

One of the gospel readings on Easter Sunday recounts the experience of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. Jesus had left the grave and had risen from the dead. This is a source of marvel and hope!

Because Jesus is risen from the dead, He can be present to us now in our family life: “if a family is centred on Christ, He will unify and illumine its entire life” (Pope Francis, *AL*, n. 317).

Easter is a time to celebrate God's love for us, a love that He definitively proves in the death and resurrection of His Son. We mediate that love to each other in our family. God calls us to reflect it to the world.

May the joy of the Risen Lord infuse your family with blessings this Easter Season.

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

Pastor's Message...

CONGRATULATIONS to our R.C.I.A. Candidates, **Sonmy Conyedo Artilles, Jose Rodriguez Concepcion, Shannon Leo and Owen Thompson** who joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. A **special thank you** to Deacon John Kennedy and the sponsors who made the wonderful faith journey with them! We wish them God's abundant blessings!

I wish to extend my **DEEP APPRECIATION** to all who participated in the **HOLY WEEK** celebrations. Many thanks to Deacon John Kennedy; the Children's Liturgy Team who led the special Good Friday service for the children, our Liturgy Committee, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Decorators, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Committee and of course our Music Ministers, who came together and created "a joyful noise to the Lord". It was a wonderful witness to see the span of generations and our young people so involved. It was indeed a **HOLY WEEK!**

I also wish to thank all the different parish ministry groups who led the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Also a special **THANK YOU** to all who made a donation towards our Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose

JUBILEE YEAR—MULTICULTURAL NIGHT will be held on **Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m.** Volunteer cooks are needed to prepare one item to serve 15 people, be it an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. The Country or Geographic area is identified at the top of each sign-up sheet in red which can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church. The success of the evening depends on parishioners' participation. Please help to make it a special evening by signing up for an item of the country of your birth or cultural heritage.

Tickets for next month's **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT** will go **on sale** beginning on the weekend of April 07/08. The cost will be \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children (10 & under).

JUBILEE FLASHBACK: From Easter Sunday, April 6, 1969: the Oblates of Mary Immaculate invite the senior male high school students to visit their Novitiate in Arnprior for the week-end. This is NOT a retreat, but rather an opportunity to live with the young men there and find out what they do.

From Easter Sunday, March 29, 1970: Friday - April 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall - A Variety Show - "The Roaring Twenties". Two hours of music, song and family entertainment by the R.A. Theatrical Society. Adults \$1.00, Children 25 cents. (Maximum \$2.00 per family).

We welcome to our Parish next Sunday Father Basil Smith who has been appointed as a full time Priest in the Parish

Parish News and Community Life...



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 08: All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, April 08.** There will be Adoration and Confession from 2:30 to 3 p.m., followed by the Chaplet, Guest Speaker Fr. Eslin Pereira CMF, and Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina and Fr. Sopocko. Come and pray with us.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that the **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND PRACTICE** will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. **FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held on **Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please **arrive 20 minutes early** as attendance will be taken before the sessions begin.

Other interests...

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018: On April 27 & 28 join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Infinity Convention Centre in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. Guest speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online at <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>

OTTAWA CATHOLIC CHALLENGE WEEKEND: Apply now for the 169th Challenge Weekend, April 27 - 29. Open to ages 16 - 25. The cost is \$35 which includes all expenses (meals, accommodations, supplies etc). Reconnect with your faith through this live-in weekend and join a community that will support you for years to come! For more information and/or to register go to www.ottawachallenge.ca

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.

Food For Thought †

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of age." (Matthew 28:19-20)



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COLLECTION REPORT

Easter Flowers: \$1,346.00

25 March 2018 – \$5,410.05 (env) / \$938.55 (loose)

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