



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 06 MAY 2018

**“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you...  
This is my commandment...love one another as I have loved you...  
You did not choose me but I chose you...”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

Sat., May 05 5:00PM Mass – Marc Gardner+

Sun., May 06 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00AM Mass – Terry Larouche+  
9:30AM Mass – Shirley Redmond+  
Gerald Oosterlaar+  
Gerry and Myrnah Vullings (lvg)

11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
**NO MASS**

Mon., May 07 9:30AM Mass – Vincent Chung (lvg)  
Holy Family Prayer Group

Tues., May 08 12:15PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg)

Wed., May 09 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
Billings Lodge

Thurs., May 10 12:15PM Mass – Gilles Patry+  
Chad Gibbons+

Fri., May 11 12:15PM Mass – Marc Gardner+  
Apie Lucie Adje+

Sat., May 12 5:00PM Mass - Lucie Gardner+

Sun., May 13 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
Fesseha Fre+  
Frank Watson+

11:15AM Mass – Jean N'dah+

### *Events Calendar ...*

Sat., May 05 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall

Sun., May 06 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
Speakers at all the Masses

Mon., May 07 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall

Tues., May 08 8:00PM A.A. - Hall

Wed., May 09 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., May 10 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A

Sat., May 12 9:00AM Parish Ultreya  
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., May 13 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

### *Pastor's Message...*

#### **HOLY CROSS JUBILEE MULTICULTURAL NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS**

A BIG THANKS YOU to Hospitality Committee, Parish Council and Knights of Columbus for their effort in making this event a HUGE SUCCESS. We had over 200 people who came to join for the wonderful night of food, entertainment and fellowship. So many parishioners were involved in preparing home cooked food, entertainments, facility set up, planning etc. Your thoughtful sacrifice for the community will be remembered. Thanks you for the appreciative comments from many. In one of the parishioner's words "All of the background cultures being integrated in one evening truly demonstrated to me and all assembled that we are a foundational cornerstone of what is and will be what makes Canada great. We have so much to thank GOD for, but in return, GOD expecting much of us as a community of missionaries." As we celebrate the Jubilee Year, we want to make our parish a welcoming and caring community. I wish to see that the diverse gifts and talents of our parishioners are put together to build the body of Christ, the local Church. May God bless you all!

My sincere thanks to Ray Flansberry, for his service to Holy Cross Parish as the Chair of the Building Committee for the last 13 years, while shouldering other ministry responsibilities. It is time for others to step in and show your support for the parish.

God bless you Ray!  
Fr. Lukose

**JUBILEE UPDATE:** During Education Week (May 07 to 11), our Jubilee Needlepoint Village will be travelling to various locations, for their "Open House" activities (Holy Cross School, Holy Family School, St. Patrick Intermediate School and, finally, the Older Adult Summit, at Hunt Club/Riverside Community Center), before returning to our church, on Friday afternoon." Remember, *"It takes a Village/Parish/Community to raise a child"... to Act Justly, Walk Humbly, and Love Gently, with the LORD!*

**JUBILEE FLASHBACK:** From the bulletin of September 21, 1975: Our 11:00 a.m. Mass of Sunday, Oct 12 will be videotaped for a 52 minute showing at 11:00a.m., Oct 19 on the CBC TV network program Meeting Place. The Youth Choir holds first meeting today, 3:00pm, Church, to decide on the best time for weekly practise: 10 yrs old and up, welcome.

#### **COLLECTION REPORT**

29 April 2018 – \$4,004.50 (env) / \$656.65 (loose)  
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

## *Deacon's Column...*

### **TRUE LOVE IS SELF-GIVING, NOT SELF-GETTING**

Following Jesus is not complicated. In fact, in this weekend's gospel, Jesus reduces the essence of what it means to be his follower into one sentence. This sentence is his New Commandment, a commandment that summarizes everything he has taught: "Love one another as I have loved you." If we do this, we are on Jesus' path, and we will experience the joy and meaning that only God can give. To make it even simpler (because he knows we tend to complicate things unnecessarily), Jesus explains exactly what he means by the word "love," a word the Devil is always trying to distort: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." In other words, love is self-giving, and so, the greater the self-giving, the greater the love. When we put our lives at the service of others, when we live to give and not to take, when we are willing to suffer so that someone else can rejoice, then we may call ourselves his disciples.

But Jesus went even further to make sure we would understand. He didn't explain the meaning of true love with just words; he also explained it with his deeds, with his own suffering and death. He accepted mockery, humiliation, torture, rejection, injustice, misunderstanding, betrayal, and finally death, not because he was too weak to resist, but to show us what love really is: self-giving, self-forgetful generosity. Jesus hanging on the cross; bearing the weight of our sins; thinking not of himself but of the men and women he came to save, even pleading for their forgiveness up until the very end; giving without counting the cost, even without asking for something in return - this is God's idea of love. This is the kind of love Jesus is calling us to make our own.

God bless,  
Deacon John

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, June 24**, following the 11:15 a.m. Mass. A light lunch will be served. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year as well as the highlights of last year. We encourage all parishioners to come and spend an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community

**CURSILLO/ULTREYA:** Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

Godfrey Roofing will be starting the flat roof replacement (north section of the church building) on Monday May 07. Project duration is expected to be 5 days for the membrane and 2 days for the metal flashing work. All work will be performed from Monday to Friday, and no impact is expected for church parking during the weekday Mass, as contractor activities will be limited to the north part of our church property.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**ELECTIONS** to fill three positions on Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **May 12/13**. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. The nominating committee

consists of Fr. Lukose, Tom Flynn and Jean Belanger. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Rd. entrance and must be submitted no later than May 05/06. The nomination forms should include a picture and a statement as to what they would wish to contribute to the PPC. For information call the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

### PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT

**OUR PASTORAL CARE MEMBERS** are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. If you would like to access our services, please call Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

## *Social Justice...*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** The Parish Pastoral Council has approved a Jubilee Northern Project--creating and equipping a Youth Centre Room in the parish hall of St. Francis Xavier Church in Attawapiskat, Ontario! Watch for upcoming information on the Social Justice bulletin board. Would you lend a hand to this Parish Jubilee project that continues Holy Cross's 50-year history of outreach efforts, and fosters friendship, spiritual connection, and hope for youth in this Catholic Cree community? Please call Mike Brady at 613-523-1818 or Bob Laird at 613-731-4304 for information and to be involved.

**RIVERSIDE GRANNIES** will hold a free will offering of loonies and toonies next weekend, May 12-13 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The SLF supports African grannies who are the primary care-givers for their orphaned grandchildren. We suggest a loonie for each grandchild you have and a toonie for each great-grandchild.

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** The March through downtown Ottawa on **Thursday, May 10 starts at 1:30 pm** from Parliament Hill. Sign-up sheet for the bus is on the table at the Walkley Road entrance and there is still space available. Bring your family and friends. We will depart from the parking lot of Holy Cross after the 12:15 noon Mass on Thursday, May 10. "*The Gospel of life must be proclaimed and human life defended in all places and at all times*". St. Pope John Paul II

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE—MAY 6 (PRO-LIFE SUNDAY) TO MAY 12** is a week to celebrate life and remind ourselves of the importance of defending life and the role of prayer in changing our Culture of Death to a Culture of Life. St. Pope John Paul II tells us "*a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world...a prayer from every family and from the heart of every believer*".

## *Food For Thought †*

"*Following the example of Mary, who kept and pondered in her heart everything related to her divine Son, the Church is committed to preserving the word of God and investigating its riches with discernment and prudence.*" -- Pope John Paul II

## *Other interests...*

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.