

10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10 JUNE 2018

“And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother!””

(Today's Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., June 09	5:00PM Mass – Sr. Rita Thibault (lvg) Fesseha Fre+
Sun., June 10	10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+ 9:30AM Mass – Apie Lucie Adje+ 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Mon., June 11	NO MASS
Tues., June 12	9:30AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
Wed., June 13	12:15PM Mass – Harry Goldsmith (lvg)
Thurs., June 14	9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge 12:15PM Mass – Chad Gibbons+
Fri., June 15	12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving Patrick Knight+ Roger Patry+
Sat., June 16	5:00PM Youth Mass Ralph Gardner+ Stephen Swenson+
Sun., June 17	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Fesseha Fre+ Fred Neff & Howard Pine+ Vivian Braganza+ 11:15AM Mass – Joseph & Frank Tomas+

Events Calendar ...

Sat., June 09	9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Hall 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 6:00PM Parish Steak BBQ
Sun., June 10	9:30AM Children's Liturgy 10:30AM Children's Liturgy Jubilee Celebration Old Fashioned Family Picnic
Mon., June 11	12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall 6:30PM Talk on Indigenous Relationships held in the parish hall
Tues., June 12	8:00PM A.A. - Hall
Wed., June 13	7:00PM Feast Day planning meeting 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
Thurs., June 14	12:30PM Club 55+ - Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., June 16	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 6:00PM Youth gathering – Hall
Sun., June 17	9:30AM Children's Liturgy PARISH FOOD DRIVE – at all the Masses

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed soul of Aurelio Burri+ (husband of Antonia Burri)

Deacon's Column...

OBEDIENCE IS THE FULLEST FREEDOM

In our gospel this weekend, the words of Jesus about family seem a little harsh. It is difficult to understand his seemingly heartless treatment of his mother and his relatives and this is what St. Mark means by the term translated “brothers and sisters” of the Lord. When Jesus is told his mother and relatives are waiting for him, he doesn't seem to respond with much affection and he even makes a comment which could be interpreted as an insult to them.

Perhaps after his initial reply, he took his leave from the crowd and went to spend time with them – we don't really know. Maybe he waited until he had finished his discourse and then went to be with them. Maybe he simply denied himself the natural pleasure of spending time with his family to dedicate himself more completely to his mission. Whatever happened, St. Mark is not very interested in giving us an explanation for how Jesus treated his relations, but he is very interested in highlighting the lesson Jesus gives in this tense moment: the secret to intimacy with God, to true spiritual freedom.

What human relationship is more intimate, more familiar, more solid, than the one of a child and his mother, or between brothers and sisters? These relationships never end and lead to unique mutual knowledge. Jesus tells us how our relationship with him, with God, can reach equal depths: “whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.” Seeking, embracing, and fulfilling God's will in our lives leads us into intimate knowledge and a familiar relationship with God – something he yearns for. It is this intimacy which enables our Lord to set our hearts free from the tyranny caused by evil, selfishness, sin, and other influences of the devil, the “strong man” of Jesus' parable.

God bless,
Deacon John

COLLECTION REPORT

03 June 2018 – \$3,724.55 (env) / \$806.77 (loose)

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Parish News and Community Life...

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. We encourage all parishioners to come and spend an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community.



JUBILEE UPDATE FOR FATHER'S DAY 2018: Current members of the Holy Cross Youth Group have prepared a surprise for all fathers, step-fathers, godfathers, and grandfathers, to honour them and show them deep appreciation for their presence in our lives. They are invited to join us at any of the four Masses, on Fathers' Day weekend, to receive their own token of our gratitude.

JUBILEE FLASHBACK: From the bulletin of September 25, 1977: Fashion Show, Parish Hall, 2 nights this week – Thurs. 29th and Fri. 30th. 8pm. \$2. (some tickets available at door). Prizes, refreshments, everyone welcome. (If you promised to bake, don't forget).

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY MASS: This year, at the celebration which will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on Thursday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., we will acknowledge the fact that Mother Élisabeth Bruyère has recently been declared Venerable by Pope Francis. The celebration will begin at 6:15 p.m. with a visit by designated parish representatives in a moment of prayer at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa. All are encouraged to attend the Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

CLUB 55: The next meeting of Club 55 will take place this coming **Thursday, June 14** in the parish hall following the 12:15 Mass. Our lunch theme will be a **"Summer Picnic"**, complete with roast chicken, potato salad, and some special desserts. At \$6.00 per person, you won't want to miss it! There will also be time for cards and games. This will be our **only lunch event in June** before we switch to casual Patio gatherings during July and August. We hope to see everyone on Thursday.

Social Justice...



JUNE FOOD DRIVE: Next weekend, **June 16/17**, please bring in your donations of non-perishable and canned food before all Masses for the four local food banks supported by Holy Cross. A list of most needed items is posted on the Social Justice bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: Could you check your closets and drawers for some possible Father's Day gifts for the children in the DDFH community (hats, ties, leather goods, sports items, tools, toiletries, CD's, DVD's, books, etc.)? Your donations can be dropped off in the DDFH box.

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES: This Monday, June 11, from 6:30--8:00pm in the Parish Hall there will be the first in our series of talks on the realities of Indigenous life in Canada. Please come to hear two specialists from the Catholic School Board, and learn more about our Parish Jubilee Outreach Project with St. Francis Xavier Parish in Attawapiskat Ontario.

CARE FOR CREATION-WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: The Pope marked United Nations World Environment Day, Tuesday, June 5. The theme is "Beat Plastic Pollution". Let us commit to care for God's creation by avoiding the use of non-recyclable plastics such as Styrofoam, plastic straws, and plastic cutlery.

Other interests...

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

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA MOVIE: Hosted by St. Margaret Mary Parish, Cumberland at Cine Starz, 250 Centrum Blvd, Orleans, June 16, 9:00 am. Cost: \$10 per ticket. Info: erileya986@rogers.com or call Bob at 613-841-0646.

DIVINE MERCY BREAKFAST FOR LADIES & GENTS: St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Saturday, June 16 at 8:00 a.m.** Continental breakfast/\$5. Guest speakers Keith & Peggy Doucette on 'Divine Mercy'. Enter through the east door. Info: RSVP at breakfastforall.staugustine@gmail.com or call Denis at 613-228-7646.

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, ON 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 †

"The prodigal son is man – every human being; bewitched by the temptation to separate himself from his Father in order to lead his own independent existence." (Pope John Paul II, Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, 5)

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

PLEASE NOTE: We will be publishing **ONLY ONE BULLETIN** for July and one bulletin for August. Our regular weekly bulletin will resume on the weekend of August 25/26. **Announced Mass Intentions, as well as bulletin submissions for the month of July must be in by Tuesday, June 26 by 12 noon** and for the month of August submissions must be in by **Tuesday, July 31 by 12 noon**, respectively, to be included in the bulletin.