



# 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17 JUNE 2018

**“With what can we compare the kingdom of God...  
It is like a mustard seed...”**

(Today's Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34)

## *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., June 16      5:00PM **Youth Mass**  
                                Ralph Gardner+  
                                Stephen Swenson+
- Sun., June 17      **11<sup>th</sup> 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+
- Mon., June 18      **NO MASS**
- Tues., June 19      9:30AM Mass – Kathy Ablett+
- Wed., June 20      12:15PM Mass – Fr. Dominic (Ivg)
- Thurs., June 21    10:00AM Communion Service held at  
                                Windsor Park Manor  
                                12:15PM Mass – Doherty Family+
- Fri., June 22      12:15PM Mass – Marc Gardner+  
                                Lily Parks+
- Sat., June 23      5:00PM Mass – Marc Gardner+
- Sun., June 24      **NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
                                8:00AM Mass – In Thanksgiving  
                                9:30AM Mass – Raulyn Mathews+  
  Zenette Ablang+  
  Sandro+  
                                11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

## *Events Calendar ...*

- 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
- Mon., June 18      12:30PM Last Potato Peelers gathering for  
                                the summer – Hall
- Tues., June 19      7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A  
                                7:30PM Hospitality - Library  
                                8:00PM A.A. - Hall
- Wed., June 20      7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall  
                                7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., June 21    7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., June 23      9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., June 24      9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
                                12:30PM Baptism – Church  
                                12:30PM **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL  
                                MEETING (AGM)** – Hall

**Strawberry Sunday** after the 8 & 9:30 morning Masses

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Patricia Goodine+

## *Deacon's Column...*

### **THE DANGER OF ROUTINE**

One threat to being good citizens of God's Kingdom is what spiritual writers call "falling into routine." Routine is just going through the motions of being a faithful Catholic but forgetting about the meaning behind these motions. We have always gone to Mass and always prayed (or at least "said our prayers"), ever since we were kids, and we feel a kind of comfortable inertia in continuing to do so. We have a vague sense that one ought to do such things, and we also have a vague sense that if we fail to do them we will feel guilty for some reason. So, we don't want to add an uncomfortable guilty feeling to our already over-stressed emotional world. We keep going through the motions of being a Catholic. This is a threat for all of us, even priests and deacons, because the real reasons behind our spiritual activities; like prayer, the sacraments, and moral discipline, are below the surface and we must try to keep them in mind. It's also a dangerous threat, because it dries up our personal relationship with Jesus, which is what being a Christian is all about.

I recently read an article in which the author was reminiscing about an experience of sleeping over at a friend's house when he was in eighth grade. As he and his friend went down to the basement to go to bed, he saw his friends' parents sitting on the couch watching television, the wife cuddling against the husband, who had his arm around her. They looked like a happy couple. Two months later they were divorced. He asked his friend how they could be so happy together, and then get divorced. The friend told him that they just kept up appearances for the kids' sake, but they were just appearances. This is falling into a routine; it's thinking of obedience to our King as a list of rules instead of as a relationship of love, and it chokes off our spiritual growth.

God bless,  
Deacon John

### **COLLECTION REPORT**

10 June 2018 – \$3,763.30 (env) / \$690.75 (loose)  
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

**JUBILEE FLASHBACK:** From the bulletin of November 6, 1977: ++Pius X High School – Ottawa's only co-ed Catholic high school – needs your support! Lottery Ticket Forms available at Church doors. Next draw, Dec. 1, for \$1,000.00.

## Parish News and Community Life...



**HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held next **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.

**CLUB 55+:** A reminder to those participating that the **trip to Morrisburg**, for lunch and the show, 'It's Your Funeral' at the Upper Canada Playhouse takes place this coming **Thursday, June 21**. Please **meet in the parking lot at church at 10:15** to pick up your ticket and to find out who you will be carpooling with. We will be leaving the parking lot at 10:30. There are currently two tickets available if you have not purchased any and are interested in coming. Please contact Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a gathering of Club 55 on June 21 in the parish hall.

### HOSPITALITY



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** The Hospitality Committee will be hosting our annual **Strawberry Sunday on June 24** after the 8 and 9:30 morning Masses in the parish hall. Using fresh local berries, we'll be serving delicious Strawberry Shortcake as well as Strawberries &

Ice Cream. Hot and cold drinks will also be served. The cost is only \$4.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Social Justice...

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE:** Thanks to all the parishioners who responded so generously, and provided the most Father's Day gifts we have ever collected! Holy Cross's caring support makes this family-strengthening program possible.



**THANK YOU** for your donations of groceries this weekend. Our committee will be distributing the food items to our local food banks on Tuesday morning. Non-perishable food items can be donated at church any weekend. Volunteers will make sure that they are delivered promptly.

**INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES:** Last Monday we had an impressive presentation on what the Catholic schools in Ottawa are teaching about Indigenous realities in Canada. All our students are now studying the histories and cultures of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples. We learned, through photos, art and artifacts why it is so important for us as Catholics to relate to our Indigenous brothers and sisters in faith and friendship. The **goal for our YOUTH CENTRE ROOM IN ATTAWAPISKAT, is \$20,000**, and we have just received approval to fundraise so **SPECIAL ENVELOPES are now available on the Social Justice table** at the back of the church.

### Other interests...

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

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 †

*"Your life as a lay person in the world is hard. Around you, things may be grim, even sordid, but God will give you strength. Everything can be borne between two Masses. When you eat the Bread of Heaven, you will be able to face any kind of day. Your faith will be renewed. You will plunge into the sea of fire that is the Mass and come out burning, ready to go forth and light fires of love."* (The Gospel Without Compromise—Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty)

**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.

**NOTE:** The **office** hours published in the front of the bulletin will be adjusted for the summer as well as to accommodate vacations. Call first to ensure the office will be open. Thank you.

### BLESSING FOR FATHERS

Lord, Jesus, our brother,  
we praise you for saving us.  
Teach us to love you and your Father  
by keeping your commandments.  
Bless + these fathers,  
and deepen their love for their wives and families.  
By their work and example and prayer,  
may they lead their children to follow you.  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayers as we offer you glory  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

