

HOLY CROSS PARISH FEAST

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 we will celebrate the **FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**. We will all come together as one faith community for the **festive Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 16**. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

PARISH FEAST DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

What: Holy Cross Parish Feast Day Scavenger Hunt. **When:** Sunday September 16 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Where:** The starting point to receive your package of clues is the front entrance of Holy Cross facing Walkley on the steps. **Who:** Open to everyone, children, youth and young at heart. **How:** Create a team of 6 to 8 players. Come up with a team name. Sign up on the sign-up sheets on the youth bulletin board. Make sure to include all members of your team and one phone number and e-mail address. Deadline for signing up is September 09 at 11 a.m. **Why:** Come and have some fun; there will be prizes for everyone. Come and help us celebrate our Jubilee Year.

JUBILEE YEAR EVENT: We will be celebrating **International Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 09 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**, to honour all Grandparents. We look forward to displaying the pictures of your grandchildren, on our "Grandparents' Blessings" Jubilee Tree of Life, from September 02 to September 09. Pictures will be collected after all Masses on August 25/26. Please indicate the name & age of the child on the back of the photo, along with your name & phone number. Grandparents are asked to bring a batch of their favorite homemade cookies/sweets, to share at the reception following the Mass. Some religious articles and jewelry will also be available for children to purchase as gifts for their grandparents, at either \$1 or \$2 (only for this event). We look forward to seeing you all on September 09.

The 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass choir **WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS** of all ages. An ability to read notes is an asset but not necessary, just a love of singing. Speak with choir director, Heather Rice who plays the organ or email gowans978@gmail.com or talk to a choir member after Mass. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (ages 3-12) will resume on **Sunday, September 02 during the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. We are always looking for leaders, readers, or help with the set up/take down. No experience necessary. High School students will earn volunteer hours for their time. Please email Debbie Kuchciak at debbiekuchciak@gmail.com.

FOOD BANKS: We are still collecting non-perishable food for our four local Food Banks. Please bring your food donations with you to Mass on the weekend. A list of most needed items is posted on the Social Justice Bulletin Board at the back of the Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity for those who are in great need.

CLUB 55: During the month of **August** we will have **casual gatherings on the patio at 1 pm**. Please bring a **snack to share with others**, plus a lawn chair, and enjoy time in good conversation next to our 'Joy' garden. If it rains, we will gather in the parish hall. Dates are: **August 02, 16 & 30**.

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Sarah Bangit at 613-260-9316.

YOUTH CORNER

The **Youth Group** will gather every second Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in meeting room C. All youth are invited on **August 12 & 26**. For information email Mina Hadad at mina.hadad@ocsbstudent.ca.

Social Justice...

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Bishop Robert Bourgon will be visiting Holy Cross September 21 - 23 to speak about our mission to address the serious needs of the Cree community in Attawapiskat ON. Please make your contribution soon for this Parish Jubilee Project. Donations of working laptop computers with Windows 8 or 10 are also needed. Contact Mike Brady at 613-523-1818.

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: Students in the Debra Dynes community cannot afford school supplies. To give them an equal head start, donations of binders, notebooks, paper, pens, crayons, rulers, math sets, glue, knapsacks etc. are urgent priorities for August. Please place your items in the DDFH box under the Social Justice table. Thanks for your help.

ELIMU CHARITY BBQ is coming to Holy Cross on **Saturday, September 08**. Watch for updates at [Facebook.com/elimuprojects](https://www.facebook.com/elimuprojects). All funds raised go direct to projects in Kenya including a children's home, sewing project, school sponsorships and a digital education resource centre. Learn more at Elimu.ca and see the Social Justice Board at the back of the church. **NB: Elimu is looking for volunteers and new board members.** We need expertise in bookkeeping, donor stewardship and fundraising. Looking to share your skills with a faith-inspired international charity making brighter futures through education? Contact Elimu founder and Holy Cross parishioner, Nina Chung at nina@elimu.ca.

Food For Thought †

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at His feet."
--St. John Vianney

Our REGULAR bulletin will resume on August 26. The deadline for submissions must be in by **Tuesday, August 21 by 12 noon** respectively, to be included in the bulletin.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Our weekday Masses for the month of August will be celebrated on Wednesdays thru to Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Through the month of August there will be **NO 9:30AM TUESDAY MASSES**.

OFFICE HOURS Parishioners are reminded that the **office hours** published in the front of the bulletin have been adjusted for the summer and for vacations. Please call first to ensure the office will be open. Thank you.

The Parish office will be CLOSED on August 06, & August 14.
