



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 13 JANUARY 2019

“...when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened...a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’”

(Today’s Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Jan. 12 5:00PM Mass – Beverley Olivastri (lvg)
Denis Rey+
- Sun., Jan 13 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – George Petetski+
9 :30AM Mass – Tony Costanza+
Fessaha Fré+
Barbara Bailey+
11:15AM Mass – Joseph & Frank Tomas+
- Mon., Jan. 14 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Jan. 15 9:30AM Mass – Rosemarie and Harry
Megan (lvg)
- Wed., Jan 16 12:15PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg)
- Thur., Jan. 17 10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Louise Gardner (lvg)
- Fri., Jan. 18 12:15PM Mass – Roger Patry+
Marc Gardner+
- Sat., Jan. 19 5:00PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
- Sun., Jan 20 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
9:30AM Mass – Mickey Watts+
Vincent & Connie Melford+
David Roy+
11:15AM Mass – Enriqueta Victoriano+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Jan. 12 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Jan. 13 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
**Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Mon., Jan. 14 12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
6:30PM **Theology of the Body Series**
- Tues., Jan. 15 2:30PM Hospitality meeting – Library
6:30PM Finance – Rm. A
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Jan 16 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Thur., Jan. 17 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Jan. 19 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Jan. 20 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
COFFEE SUNDAY after the 8 & 9:30 am Masses

COLLECTION REPORT

06 January 2019 – \$3,507.65 (env) / \$693.00 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Deacon’s Column...

GOD OFTEN ACTS IN UNEXPECTED WAYS

St Luke tells us that at the time of Jesus’ baptism, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, the people were “filled with expectation.” There were two reasons for this. First, according to the prophecies of Daniel, the time was ripe for the arrival of the promised Messiah, the King anointed by God to restore the independence and greatness of the long-suffering people of Israel. Scholars at the time didn’t agree on the actual characteristics and identifying marks of this Messiah, but they had a strong sense that this time had indeed arrived. Second, no true prophet had arisen in Israel in over two centuries. So, when John the Baptist came onto the scene, they knew something big was about to happen. The prophecy of Daniel and the preaching of John the Baptist, then, were clear, dramatic signs sent by God to indicate the coming of Jesus. Even so, Jesus found a welcome in the hearts of only a few; the majority gave him up to be crucified. Why? Could it be that the people of Israel were expecting one kind of Lord, and God wanted to give them another? We often fall into the same trap; we know clearly the things we want, but God sends us others, and we resent it. But if Jesus is truly the Lord, and if the greatest prophet of all time was not even worthy to “loosen the thongs of his sandals” (a job reserved to slaves at the time), why do we expect him to do things our way? Why do we expect him to adjust to our schedule? Isn’t it possible that he knows better? God often acts in unexpected ways, so it’s up to us to adjust our expectations, or else we may miss his grace altogether.

God bless,
Deacon John

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#### CAN WE FIND YOU!!

As part of our Jubilee celebration, we are looking for the names of those who were members of the parish from the very beginning (50 years ago!). We want to acknowledge and recognize their sacrifices in building up Holy Cross to where it is today. The Parish Jubilee Committee is asking that you please provide them with your name and phone number and place it in the Jubilee suggestion box at the entrance of the Church (paper is provided on the table next to the box). If you know anybody who is away from the parish for whatever reason, please provide us with their names as well. Let us all celebrate our faith journey together!

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

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES:** The three sessions will begin this coming **Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

**January 14** will be on "*The Basics of Theology of the Body*" and how we can apply it to our lives.

**January 21** will focus on "*The Feminine Genius*", the three-fold call of women and how men can understand, appreciate and love this mystery of woman.

**January 28** will focus on "*True Masculinity*", what it is and how men can live this in today's world and how women can affirm and complement this true masculinity in our confused culture.

### **A CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

All Christians have the duty to transmit faith with courage. Jesus invites us to have courage in prayer as well, and has urged Christians not to be lukewarm. The Church is a Community of the "yes" because it is born from the love of Christ. (Pope Francis). All Liturgical Ministers play a special role in the celebration of the Holy Mass--your talents and service is a generous gift to the Parish.



Dear parishioners, we would like to invite you to join in the following ministries of your choice; **Lector, Announcer, Mass Coordinator, and/or Eucharistic Minister** for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. We especially invite the youth of our Parish

(grades 9 and up) to become Lectors and all children who have received First Holy Communion to participate as an Altar Server. Training will be provided. Please consider contributing to our Parish family's worship. Sign-up sheets may be found at the entrances of the Church. For information contact Cheryl McIntyre at [jobun6@hotmail.com](mailto:jobun6@hotmail.com).

**WINTER'S EVE COFFEE HOUSE:** As part of our Jubilee



Celebrations, the Music Groups of the parish are putting on a Winter's Eve Coffee House in the parish hall on **Saturday, January 26**.

There will be fabulous music and light refreshments. This is a free event. Come

and spend a cosy evening with your parish neighbours and enjoy a great evening of entertainment. **Doors open at 6:30 and music starts at 7pm.** We look forward to seeing you!

**2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. The offertory envelopes are in alphabetical order with your original envelope number. For parishioners who would like offertory envelopes, please fill out the slip of paper provided and place the paper in the basket provided and an envelope will be assigned to you the following week. For the month of January when you begin using your **Initial 2019 Offertory Envelopes** please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts. **We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2018.**

**JUBILEE UPDATE:** We were proud to display the names and dates of those who were baptized, in RCIA, and/or had their wedding at Holy Cross, during 2018. You can find your decoration, on the table near the Springland door.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Following the K of C regular meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 8:30 p.m., Cory Smith, Field Agent, will give a presentation regarding the Knights of Columbus single onetime payment for RRSPs. All parishioners are welcomed.

**PEW KNEELERS:** With winter and all the salt that is added to the parking lot and walkways, we ask for your consideration and cooperation on a practical matter. Please be careful to not place your boots on the kneelers. This will keep them clean for the next parishioner, who will be kneeling at the same place. Also, we have outdoor mats so you can stomp the salt from your boots before entering the Church. Thank you.

### ***Social Justice...***

**PARISH FOOD DRIVES**—Francois Bouchard, owner of The Country Grocer, has closed his store after 24 years. He offered the Social Justice Committee all his remaining fruits and vegetables to give to our 4 local food banks. Hundreds of pounds of potatoes, onions, apples, pears, melons and citrus fruits were delivered to Debra Dynes Family House, Heron Emergency Food Centre, Banff Community House and Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank. At this difficult time of year, this fresh food was a very appreciated gift. With his characteristically magnanimous spirit, over the years Francois provided food for St. Vincent de Paul, potatoes for the Foyer Partage Potato Peelers, ads in our Bulletin, and jobs for neighbourhood youth. We are very thankful for all his care for our community.

**OTTAWA SOUTH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** conducted 135 visits in 2018. It assisted 358 people. It provided \$6825 in Food assistance and \$20,198 in Clothing and Furniture assistance. Thank you for your generous support in 2018.

**CARE FOR CREATION--GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT:** The 2019 calendar of campaigns associated with climate change and ecology may be found at <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/plans-for-2019/>.

### ***Other interests...***

**ARCHDIOCESE'S WEBSITE'S NEW LOOK:** On Tues., Jan. 15 the Archdiocese of Ottawa will launch its newly renovated diocesan website ([www.ArchOttawa.ca](http://www.ArchOttawa.ca)). Be sure to check it out!

**HOMELANDS' MASS:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, Sunday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m. Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. All are welcome!

**DIOCESAN FREE YOUTH NIGHT WITH BOB RICE:** All Gr. 6–12 students are invited to take part in a city-wide youth night on **Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30–8:30 pm, at Annunciation of the Lord Parish** (2414 Ogilvie Rd). Acclaimed Catholic speaker, Bob Rice, will be facilitating an evening on 'Love, Suffering, and God.' No cost. Bring your friends! Contact: Sophia (613-738-5025 ext. 222); [skorban@archottawa.ca](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca).

**PRO-LIFE MASS** will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave. All are welcome.