



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27 JANUARY 2019

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor....

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

(Today’s Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Jan. 26 5:00PM Mass – Rejane Dionne+
- Sun., Jan 27 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – George Petetski+
9 :30AM Mass – Banbit Roy (Ivg)
Nantino & Loreta DiVito+
Garry Brown+
- 11:15AM Mass – In Thanksgiving
- Mon., Jan. 28 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Jan. 29 9:30AM Mass – Maria Arcilla+
- Wed., Jan 30 12:15PM Mass – Marie Roy (Ivg)
- Thur., Jan. 31 10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Fri., Feb. 01 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Rosemarie Ireland (Ivg)
Mr. Moyes+
- Sat., Feb. 02 5:00PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
- Sun., Feb. 03 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+
Katherine Moynihan+
- 11:15AM Mass

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Jan. 26 9:00AM Choir Practice – Church
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
7:00PM **Winter’s Eve COFFEE HOUSE SOCIAL** – Hall
- Sun., Jan. 27 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Mon., Jan. 28 1:30PM Social Justice meeting – Library
6:30PM **Theology of the Body Series**
- Tues., Jan. 29 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Jan 30 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
- Thur., Jan. 31 12:30PM Club 55 Gathering – Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Feb. 02 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
2:00PM Youth Group meeting
- Sun., Feb. 03 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of Helen Hanniman+ (wife of Merv Hanniman) whose funeral will be on Monday, January 28 at 11 am; Lucie Bruck+ whose funeral will be on Saturday, February 02 at 11 am; Katherine Moynihan+ (daughter of Jim Moynihan)

Deacon’s Column...

DIVISION: THE DEVIL’S FAVOURITE TACTIC

In this weekend’s scripture readings, the Christian community in the Greek city of Corinth, which was a bustling city and the capital of the region, was struggling with a big problem: division. Some of the Christians there, before baptism, had been Jewish, and others had been pagan. Some claimed they had received the faith from St Paul, others from St Peter, others from another famous preacher of the time, Apollos. These differences had given rise to factions within the Church. Whenever a new opportunity or problem came up, the factions fought over it. This constantly aggravated division was tearing the young community apart spreading its destruction to the surrounding Christian communities. It was, in short, a crisis.

Dividing people and communities are the Devil’s favourite tactic. Sin always divides people. The very first sin in the Garden of Eden is the perfect example: it created division between mankind and God (Adam and Eve hid from God); it also created division between Adam and Eve (they concealed themselves from each other). As a result... this created a great divide between mankind and the rest of creation (Eve was cursed with pains in childbirth and Adam was cursed to earn his living by the sweat of his brow). Division is the work of the Devil - the very word "devil" comes from a Greek word for accuser or slanderer. The Devil wants to divide us from God and from each other. This is what evil is all about.

God, the source of all goodness, is, in his very essence a communion of persons, a unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is about unity and we are created in this image. Sowing division and discord among us, then, is the Devil’s way of insulting God, whom he hates. So, when we see division in our families, our church, our workplace and the world for that matter you can be sure the devil is busy trying to corrupt something that has the potential to be good.

God bless,
Deacon John

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: Our last session will be held on **Monday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. We 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.

Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome.

COLLECTION REPORT

20 January 2019 – \$2,605.00 (env) / \$320.20 (loose)

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Pastor's Message...

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

On February 03, the Church remembers the life and witness of Saint Blaise who died as a Martyr in 316 AD in Turkey. Saint Blaise is invoked for centuries as a specialist in diseases of the throat. The origin of the practice might be the story of a child brought to the saint who was choking from a fish bone. Eventually the saint blessed the boy and he was restored to health.

The blessing of throats in honour of Saint Blaise will take at Holy Cross Church on **Friday, February 01** immediately after the 12:15 noon Mass. You are also invited to join us for the Holy Hour of the Eucharist at 11:00 am.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Belanger who was selected as a Don Bosco Award Recipient by the Archdiocese of Ottawa for his incredible dedication to youth ministry. Jean has selflessly given of his time and talent and was cited as a gentleman, who for many decades has shown a resilient and determined focus in promoting youth ministry. Jean also served Holy Cross Parish in different ministries as a member of Foyer Partage Committee, Parish Pastoral Council Chair, Club 55+ as coordinating team member, Lector etc.

May God bless you Jean!
Fr. Lukose

Parish News and Community Life...

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 are 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, Eucharistic Minister, and/or operator for the Mass slides**, 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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2019: There are still envelopes for the 2019 year that have not been picked up. If you don't have a box, please complete the slip of paper provided on the table and a box will be assigned to you. Once again, we thank you for your generosity in 2018.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOTTERY: The Knights will be selling tickets for their 2019 lottery after all the Masses on the weekend of February 09/10. Grand prize is \$200,000 and there are another 499 prizes including a Mustang convertible worth \$51,000. Proceeds go to the Arthritis Society and the Special Olympics. Tickets are only \$5.

CURSILLO/ULTREYA will take place on **Saturday, February 09 from 9 – 11 a.m.** All are welcome.

SACRAMENTS – IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS

TOUR OF THE CHURCH will be held on **Saturday, February 09 at 10 a.m. (sharp)** for those children who are registered for the Sacrament of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**.

PREPARATION SESSION will be held on **Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. (sharp)** in the Church for the children who are registered for the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**. **ALSO** the **RETREAT / RECONCILIATION / PRACTICE** for Confirmation will be held on **Saturday, February 16 beginning at 10 a.m. (sharp) until 12 noon**.

Parents are asked to **arrive 20 minutes early** for these sessions to sign in your child.

Social Justice...

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE--The SJC will be holding its next meeting on **Monday, January 28, at 1:30 pm** in the church library. If you have an interest in social justice activities--care for the environment, the Debra Dynes community, our sister parish in Attawapiskat, global peace and justice, food drives, St. Vincent de Paul, the Elimu project in Kenya--you are very welcome to come along.

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: At the suggestion of DDFH, a **SANDWICH-MAKING BEE** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13 (9:30 - noon)** in our parish hall. It would be a great relief for the staff to have pre-made lunch sandwiches for needy students to carry them through the rest of the winter. DDFH provides all the materials, and we parishioners assemble and bag the sandwiches while having a good time together. If you would like to help, please call Geri Laird at 613-731-4304.

YELLOW BAG PROGRAM: Our Recycling Committee is undertaking a project to determine the feasibility of the City of Ottawa's Yellow Bag Program. All parish ministries and parishioners are asked to place all waste in the proper containers. Info: John Dorner (613-739-0963).

Other interests...

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY KICKS OFF (JANUARY 22-27): As the opening Mass of World Youth Day 2019, Archbishop José Domingo Ulloa of Panama told the young people from across the globe that a life of holiness is possible with the help of God's grace. On Sunday, January 27, Pope Francis will preside over the closing ceremonies and announce the venue for the next World Youth Day.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST & COLF PROLIFE EVENT: Assisted Procreation: many couples use technologies in good faith but are methods of assisted procreation ethically acceptable? What does the Catholic Church teach about so-called medically assisted procreation? Sat., Feb. 02 from 10 am to noon at St. Theresa Church, 95 Somerset St. W. Given by Michel G. MacDonald, PhD, STD. 9 a.m. Mass followed by Scriptural Rosary. Free-will offering. Info: 613-720-5643.