



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17 FEBRUARY 2019

**“Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:  
‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God’...”**

(Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

Sat., Feb. 16 5:00PM Mass – Beverley Olivastri (lvg)  
 Sun., Feb. 17 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9 :30AM Mass – Fessaha Fré+  
 Katherine Moynihan+  
 Helen Hanniman+  
 11:15AM Mass – Maria Arcilla+  
**NO MASS**  
 Mon., Feb. 18  
 Tues., Feb. 19 9:30AM Mass – Helen Hanniman+  
 Wed., Feb. 20 12:15PM Mass – Deacon John & Sue  
 Kennedy (lvg)  
 Thur., Feb. 21 10:00AM Communion Service held at  
 Windsor Park Manor  
 12:15PM Mass – Isabelle Chisholm+  
 Fri., Feb. 22 12:15PM Mass – Barbara Costanza (lvg)  
 Mathew+ - Father of Fr. Lukose  
 Sat., Feb. 23 5:00PM Mass- Armand & Jeannette Lavigne+  
 Sun., Feb. 24 **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9:30AM Mass – In Thanksgiving  
 Katherine Moynihan+  
 11:15AM Mass – Cecile Schmidt+

### *Events Calendar ...*

Sat., Feb. 16 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 9:30AM **CONFIRMATION – Preparation/  
 Retreat / Reconciliation & Practice** – Church  
 Sun., Feb. 17 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
**COFFEE SUNDAY** after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses  
 Mon., Feb. 18 **OFFICE CLOSED**  
 Tues., Feb. 19 8:00PM A.A. – Hall  
 Wed., Feb. 20 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church  
 7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall  
 Thur., Feb. 21 12:30PM Club 55 – Hall  
 6:00PM K of C First Degree – Hall  
 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church  
 Fri., Feb. 22 10:00AM Jubilee Committee mtg. – Library  
 7:00PM Social Justice -- **Movie Night**  
 Attawapiskat film *Hi-Ho Mistahey* by Alanis Obomsawin  
 Sat., Feb. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 Sun., Feb. 24 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

### COLLECTION REPORT

11 February 2019 – \$3,540.55 (env) / \$618.55 (loose)  
 ~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed souls of  
 Lucienne (Lucy) Sorensen+ and Mae Brock+

### *Deacon’s Column...*

#### CHRISTIAN HOPE HANGS ON HEAVEN

When we first started learning about our Catholic faith, we learned that the most important virtues are the three theological virtues, faith, hope, and love, or charity. We call them "theological" virtues, because they come from God and keep us connected to God. At baptism, God plants these virtues in our souls, like seeds. Through prayer, the sacraments, and our own efforts, they grow to maturity and bring us the "fruits of the Spirit," like wisdom, joy, peace, courage, and patience. These fruits of the Spirit in turn help us to fulfil our life-mission, which is to follow Christ and help others do the same.

Each of the three theological virtues has its own specialty. Faith, for instance, is a supernatural light that enables our minds to understand and accept God's revelation, even when that revelation goes beyond our own life-experience. By faith we know there is no limit to God's mercy; he has revealed this to us. Without faith, we would think that God's mercy and forgiveness are as limited as our own. Of the three theological virtues, the one most neglected in today's world is hope. Hope is, in simple terms, the active, confident desire for heaven. Hope is what St Paul refers to when he writes: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." Christian hope assures us that true, everlasting happiness really is possible, and that we will experience it in heaven, when we are completely united to God. Love conquers all. Our friendship and love of Jesus should be our highest priority in life, then, no matter how much we must struggle here on earth, "our reward will be great in heaven."

#### THANK YOU

Sue and I would like to thank you all so very much for helping to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary such a special event. The Marion Dalmatic and Papal Blessing you gave us touched us both deeply and we will be forever grateful. You are such awesome parishioners and true friends.

God bless,  
 Deacon John

## Parish News and Community Life...

**CONFIRMATION:** Archbishop Terrence Prendergast will be confirming 23 candidates for Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, March 02 at the 5 p.m. Mass.**

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### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

**HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2019** will be held on **March 18, 19 & 20** from **7 – 9 p.m.** Our Preacher will be Fr. Lester Mendonsa. We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 20. Come and experience the **'DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD'** and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten Retreat. All are welcome. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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### JUBILEE EVENTS & INFORMATION

**'PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY'** is a song composed by Maureen Monaghan, Alice Templin and Anne Hurley for the Golden Jubilee. The chorus is centered around Micah 6:8 – *"This is what God asks of you; to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God."* The lyrics incorporate who we are as a community and also where we are going from here (our beautiful altar tapestry depicts this well – we are diverse individuals, journeying together). Since the song talks about being on the road together, the music is rhythmical, celebrational and has an anthem feel to it. Hopefully, it will inspire everyone to sing out with all our choirs and musicians, in praise and thanksgiving for this wonderful community.

Many thanks to Armando Prini (from St. Francis Studios, who leads the Youth Mass music) and Sheila Shields (long time parishioner and 9:30 choir member).

### YOURS TODAY: A HOLY CROSS GOLDEN JUBILEE

 **CONCERT EVENT** by Marc Coderre, Armando Prini, Karen Lahaise, Debra Scarpelli, Louise Rathier, and Eric Edmonds will take place **Friday, March 01 at 7 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish. Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance from the performers and they will also be sold at the door. Proceeds support the St Joe's Supper Table and Debra Dynes Family House. Invite all your family and friends to this wonderful event!

As part of our Jubilee Anniversary, the Parish will celebrate the close relationship that provided support in the early 1980s to initiate Ottawa Foyers Partage. A special Mass will be offered on **Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m.** followed with a reception in the parish hall and a reminiscence of interwoven activities over the years. All parishioners are invited as well as residents and staff of OFP. More details will follow.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Jubilee Year Celebrations will conclude the weekend of April 06 and 07. On Saturday, April 06, a catered dinner will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will go on sale in early March. On Sunday, April 07, a Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **March 06.** For the convenience of the Parishioners, two Masses will be celebrated with the imposition of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. All are welcome to participate. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.**



With Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting. On **Lenten Friday's** we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.** Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Following the K of C general meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 8:30 p.m., Antonio Giamberardino, Holy Cross' parishioner will give a presentation on *"Protecting yourself when dealing with contractors, looking at dealing with contractors in small claims courts, the construction lien act, and what the law is regarding door to door hot water tank salesman"*, etc. All are welcome.

**2018 TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up at the back of the Church next to the offertory envelopes. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2018.

**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.

### Social Justice...

**IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP:** Continuing with our Jubilee Outreach Project, the SJC will have a movie night on **Friday, February 22 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.** The film *Hi-Ho Mistakey* by Alanis Obomsawin tells the story of 14 year old Shannen, her classmates and her community in Attawapiskat and their struggle to get the Canadian Government to replace their contaminated school. Youth especially are asked to join us. Bring a treat to share if you can. See posters on the bulletin board.

**The 'Culture of Encounter,' Forced Migration & Catholic Social Teaching:** Development & Peace Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, **Sat., Feb. 23, 9am–12pm.** Light lunch provided. Contact Tara to register ([thurford@devp.org](mailto:thurford@devp.org); 613-738-9644 x 2240).

### Other interests...

**ORDINATION OF AUXILIARY BISHOP-ELECT** of Alexandria-Cornwall Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.: At St. Finnan's Cathedral, 72 St. Paul St., Alexandria on Fri., Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. Please keep Bishop-Elect Desrochers in your prayers.



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