



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24 FEBRUARY 2019

“...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...”

(Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25; 1 Corinthians 15:45-50; Luke 6:27-38)

Announced Mass intentions

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+
Mon., Feb. 25	NO MASS
Tues., Feb. 26	9:30AM Mass – Helen Hanniman+
Wed., Feb. 27	12:15PM Mass – Anthony Bangit+
Thur., Feb. 28	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Betty Hurst+
Fri., Mar. 01	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Fr. Lukose (lvg) Linda Martel+
Sat., Mar. 02	5:00PM Sacrament of Confirmation Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Mar. 03	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Richard Valiquette+ 9:30AM Mass – Holly Costanza-Vachon (lvg) Fessaha Fré+ Helen Hanniman+ 11:15AM Mass – Jim Howard+

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Feb. 23	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Feb. 24	9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Tues., Feb. 26	6:00PM Dress rehearsal for Concert 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Feb. 27	9:30AM Sandwich making for Debra- Dynes Family House – Hall 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
Thur., Feb. 28	7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., Mar. 01	7:00PM Yours Today – Holy Cross Golden Jubilee Concert – Church
Sat., Mar. 02	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Mar. 03	9:30AM Children's Liturgy

K of C selling tickets to the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
Pancake Breakfast following the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

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.** A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to mark your calendars. All are welcome.

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed soul of John Flynn+ (nephew of Tom and Karen Flynn); Glenn Bell+ (son of Joan Bell)

Pastor's Message...

LENT—A TIME TO UPGRADE OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We begin the Lenten Season of this year on Ash Wednesday, March 06. I invite you all to take a little time to plan for your Lenten journey personally as a fruitful experience of our Christian discipleship.

Those who use a computer regularly get a notification to upgrade your computer. If you postpone or ignore the notification it affects the performance of your computer and slows down the functions. If you desire a good result, you have to upgrade, even if you lose some time and suffer inconvenience.

The same way Lent is a blessed time offered by the Church to upgrade our Christian commitment as Baptized Christians. It is a time to understand the passion of Christ as his passion for humanity out of love and total self giving. We respond to this love by being active participants rather than being satisfied by giving up something which we like during Lent. I found this beautiful reflection which is a reminder that Lent is not a time of Fasting but a time of Feasting.

Fast from fear; Feast on Faith.

Fast from despair; Feast on hope.

Fast from depressing news; Feast on prayer.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger and worry; Feast on patience.

Fast from negative thinking; Feast on positive thinking.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on love and forgiveness.

Fast from words that wound; Feast on words that heal.

Fast from gravity; Feast on joy and humor.

(Adapted from *A Lenten Prayer* by William Arthur Ward)

Please also consider to participate in our upcoming Lenten retreat, Share Lenten projects, Stations of the Cross led by different ministries. Volunteer for the community activities. Sign up for the daily reflection from Dr. Tim Gray from FORMED website. Finally, try to attend the weekday Masses.

God bless you and I wish you a blessed Lenten Season.

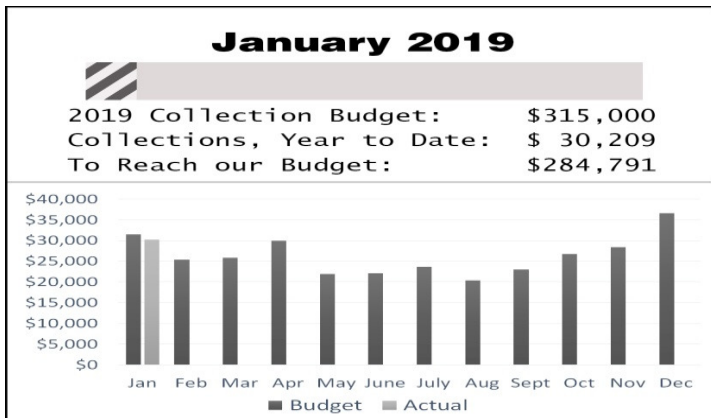
Fr. Lukose

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: Follow the footsteps of Jesus in an amazing journey to the Holy Land on **November 06-15, 2019.** Trace the roots of Christian tradition as we visit the Biblical historical cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and other important places. Accompanied by Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal CMF. A Holy Mass will be celebrated daily. Cost:\$ 3299 [per person/double occupancy] includes taxes, tips and other related fees. For more detailed information, please contact Fr. Lukose at 613-731-7834 or email lukekochupura@gmail.com.

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.**

FINANCIAL REPORT



COLLECTION REPORT

17 February 2019 – \$4,271.00 (env) / \$579.85 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

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.

JUBILEE EVENTS & INFORMATION

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 OFF.

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 (Adults: \$30 & Children under 14: \$20). On Sunday, April 07, a Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 morning Masses on **Sunday, March 03**. Free will offering with proceeds directed to fund the Shrove Tuesday (March 05) pancake breakfast for the students of Holy Cross and Holy Family Schools (over 500 students).

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE—Saturday, March 16. Social at 6 p.m. / dinner at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$20/per ticket. Lamb and/or Beef stew will be served. Music provided by 'Doug and Pam Champagne Band'. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses by the Knights next weekend, March 02/03. Due to popular demand, tickets may not be available at the door so be sure to get yours early. If you wish to reserve tickets, please contact Bill McCauley by March 13 at 613-523-2167.

Social Justice...

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES: Last fall, parishioners donated nearly \$18,000 for the Jubilee Outreach Project in Attawapiskat. All the materials for constructing a Youth Room have already been purchased and delivered. Just last week, thanks to the generosity of the Ottawa Catholic School Board and the outstanding effort of SJC member Mike Brady, over 2000 pounds of furniture (chairs, tables, desks, filing cabinets, and bookcases) are now on their way to St. Francis Xavier Parish by truck, train and ice road, the shipping costs also paid from your donations. A happy winter package for Attawapiskat!

Other interests...

PRO-LIFE EVENTS: 'Pain, Suffering and Death: Where is God in My Grief?' on **Saturday, March 02** from 10 am – 2 pm. at St. Theresa Parish, 95 Somerset St. W.

PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: *Rekindle the Gift of Life...Fulfill God's Plan...Thrive.* **Saturday, April 27.** Mass at 8am, conference follows till 4pm. Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 1940 Saunderson Dr.



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

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.