



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 31 MARCH 2019

“...this brother of yours was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and has been found.”

(Today's Readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32)



Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Mar. 30	5:00PM Mass – Beverly Olivastrì (lvg)
Sun., Mar. 31	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9 :30AM Mass – Donald Michael+ Alice Johnson+ John Flynn+ 11:15AM Mass – Ralph D'Cruz+
Mon., April 01	NO MASS
Tues., April 02	9:30AM Mass – Xavier and Brigitta Fernandez (lvg)
Wed., April 03	12:15PM Mass – Horst Hack+
Thur., April 04	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – John Flynn+
Fri., April 05	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Marie & Julie Roy (lvg) Holly Costanza-Vachon (lvg) Aura Mercedes Galindez+ Claudette Durand+
Sat., April 06	5:00PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg)
Sun., April 07	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00AM Mass – William Labadie+ 10:00AM JUBILEE MASS Holy Cross Parishioners 11:15AM NO MASS

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Mar. 30	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Mar. 31	9:30AM Children's Liturgy 11:15AM Mass celebrate with Ottawa Foyer Partage followed by a reception Tickets sold after Mass for our Jubilee Dinner
Tues., April 02	6:30PM ADORATION until 7:30 p.m. 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., April 03	7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church 7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
Thur., April 04	12:45PM Club 55 – Hall 6:00PM K of C – Second Degree – Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., April 05	7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church
Sat., April 06	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 3:00PM Choir practice – Church 6:00PM Jubilee Dinner – Hall
Sun., April 07	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Reception following our 10 a.m. Jubilee Mass – Hall

COLLECTION REPORT

24 March 2019 – \$3,573.10 (env) / \$471.60 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations

† **Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Felicito Madamba Sr.+

Pastor's Message...

Dear Parishioners,

As we are preparing for the conclusion of our Jubilee Year Celebrations, I am so grateful to the Jubilee Committee for taking the lead in organizing different events almost every month. Special thanks to Tom Flynn for chairing the committee. We have so many reasons to rejoice and be grateful to God for all the blessings.

I would like to quote the reminiscences of Holy Cross' first Pastor, Fr. Francis French, who on the occasion of the 10th anniversary at the Parish reflects the sacrifices of our founding members:

“What thanks can we give to the Lord for all that He has given to us”. The beginning and growth of Holy Cross Parish, was marked by a predominant characteristic namely the many many blessings from God and the goodness and generosity of people that drew us on and overcame one obstacle after another. To be specific would mean name after name and pages. Such incidences as obtaining the use of the Confederation Heights Cafeteria for Sunday Masses mostly through one man's initiative, and then the many persons involved faithfully week after week to keep the operation functional. I cannot help but be thankful of the abundance of clergy help that always seemed available and must mention Father Latendresse to encourage the guys who worked for the formation of the Parish even though it meant dividing the one he cared for.

You perhaps may understand why the decision was made not to accept donations for specific items in the new church which could be identified with the giver. There were just too many who had given so much of intangibles that we could never let their part be over shadowed. We like to speak of them as Benefactors. We entered into our undertakings with the theme of accumulating the spiritual and leaving it to God, to provide the material. We have not been disappointed. In celebrating the end of this first decade, may we all praise God for His Goodness, may we with faithfulness trust His continued blessing.”

Wishing you Jubilee blessings,
Fr. Lukose

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who brought home-made soup for our Lenten Soup Meal on Sunday, March 24 after the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. We raised over \$300 towards Development and Peace.

Parish News and Community Life...

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents are reminded that the **PREPARATION SESSION** for children who are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Tuesday, April 09 at 6:30 p.m.** Please arrive **20 minutes before the session begins.**

DONATIONS TOWARDS EASTER FLOWERS: Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Easter flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your name, complete address and envelope number.

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday evenings (April 02 & 09) during Lent from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday's at 7 p.m. led by the different ministries of the Parish. **NOTE:** On **Good Friday (April 19)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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 be sold starting on the weekend of March 16/17. Cost: Adults/\$30 and children (under 14) \$20.

On **SUNDAY, APRIL 07**, a **JUBILEE MASS** will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m. On Sunday, April 07 there will be only two morning Masses—8 a.m. and our Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 Mass).

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is Friday, April 05.



CURSILLO / ULTREYA takes place on Saturday, April 13 in the parish hall from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course". A Cursillo weekend is 3-days during which you live and

work together, listening to talks given by priests and laypersons. See pamphlets on the bookrack for more details. All are welcome.

Social Justice...

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE: It's already time to be thinking of Mother's Day gifts that will help children in the Debra Dynes community honour their Moms. Over the next few weeks, please gather some items (new or gently used) that would brighten this special day for many burdened women. Please place your donation in the DDFH box under the Social Justice table. For six years now, our Parish has generously made possible these little, but tender expressions of love between children and their parents.

PRO LIFE NEWS: Action Life's 30th Annual Hike for Life—Saturday, April 27. Information for hikers and sponsors may be found at the Knights of Columbus bulletin board at the back of the Church.

Other interests...

TENEBRAE SERVICE dedicated to prayer for victims of abuse at **Notre Dame Cathedral** on the **Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.** This office is composed of the Song of Lamentations over the devastation of Jerusalem by the prophet Jeremiah in the poignant psalms and through the powerful readings. Each of these evokes the figure of the suffering Christ. Yet, the cries of all who suffer the hurts of yesterday and today come to mind. And we know that these people wounded in body, mind and soul are numerous. Read the entire article from Archbishop Prendergast posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 05 at 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 plus years of marriage in 2019. Registration forms are on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church and mail to Pastoral Services, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9 or go online to catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass. **Deadline to register is April 24.**

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Prendergast invites all the faithful for the Chrim Mass on **Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 18 April at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 19 April** – Children's Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.** A Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. The collection is taken for the Holy Land.

NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.

****HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – 20 April at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story. **BRING BELLS to ring out our joy during the Gloria.** A reception will follow in the parish hall.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 21 April – 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. (**NO** 11:15 a.m. Mass)

****NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**

Food For Thought†

"Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

--St. Therese of Lisieux