



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY – 28 APRIL 2019

*“Jesus said...“Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”*

(Today's Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., April 27 5:00PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+

Sun., April 28 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Roger & Gerta Patry+
Fessaha Fré+
Mr. Cecil Gleason+

11:15AM Mass – Anthony Bangit+

NO MASS

Mon., April 29 9:30AM Mass –Raymond Moore+

Tues., April 30 12:15PM Mass – Therese Aubrey (lvg)

Wed., May 01 12:15PM Mass – Magdalena Yager (lvg)

Thur., May 02 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon

Fri., May 03 12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+
Patricia Hines+
Teresa Power+

Sat., May 04 5:00PM Mass – Helen Hanniman+

Sun., May 05 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Mr. Cecil Gleason+
Epah Fonkeng+
John Flynn+

11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+

Events Calendar ...

Sat., April 27 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., April 28 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
2:30PM Celebration of the **Feast of Divine Mercy** – Church
Pancake Breakfast after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

Tues., April 30 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., May 01 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church

Thurs., May 02 6:30PM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION** – Church
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A

Fri., May 03 9:30AM Jubilee Coordinating Committee wrap-up meeting – Library

Sat., May 04 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., May 05 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
11:15AM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – during the Mass
Education week -- speakers at all the Masses

COLLECTION REPORT

Good Friday – Holy Land Collection – \$4,391.75
21 April 2019 – \$7,077.30 (env) / \$2,082.50 (loose)
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~
Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

Pastor's Message...

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church celebrates this Sunday the tremendous blessing of the Lord's Divine mercy. No stone could keep the Lord in the tomb and no locked door could block the Lord's mission of extending His Mercy to the Church through his beloved disciples. Can we imagine how the apostles were feeling that day? Their lives had turned upside down within the span of one week, from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His agonizing death on the Cross just a few days late.

For Thomas who was ready to go and die with the Lord, the crucifixion and death of the Lord would have been painful. He could not forget the Jesus' body full of wounds and bruises buried in the cave. It is no wonder that he found very hard to believe that Jesus had visited his friends. But Jesus knew the mind of Thomas. The Lord did not want Thomas to lose heart and being the only one who could not meet him. Without the slightest trace of faultfinding he invites Thomas to touch him and believe. Jesus fascinated him. Jesus was willing to search for the one who wanted to go away alone with despair, pain and anger. Is not this divine Mercy that urged him to leave everything behind and travel to an unknown land, India without knowing what waits for him in the future?

We are saddened by the loss of the lives of people in Sri Lanka. We wonder how people can be so cruel and insensitive to the suffering of others. Jesus teaches us that peace is brought to the world not by punishment but by the cross and forgiveness. He took on himself all our bruises and wounds so that we can be healers in the world. May the Divine Mercy of Jesus touch and transform the lives of Christians. You are invited to join for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Holy Cross on Sunday at 3.00 pm.

Once again my sincere thanks to all who made our Holy Week Liturgy a celebration of our faith in action—to all the Choir Members, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Altar Servers, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Committee, Décor Team, the slide projection presentations and all those who worked hard behind the scene!

†**Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed souls of Fr. Brian Hennessey+; Sylvia Le Neveu+

May the risen Lord bless you all!
Fr. Lukose CMF

A NOTE ON PASTORAL LETTERS

People ask for pastoral references for various purposes. A pastoral letter is an affirmation of your active commitment to the parish on various levels. It obviously means that you are a registered parishioner supporting the parish in its sacramental and communitarian faith journey and the pastor of the parish affirms it.

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**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. Mass celebrated daily. Cost: \$3299 (per person/double occupancy) includes taxes, tips and other related fees. For information, contact Fr. Lukose at 613-731-7834 or email [lukekochupura@gmail.com](mailto:lukekochupura@gmail.com).

## Parish News and Community Life...



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 08:** All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, April 28**. There will be **Silent Adoration and Confession from 2:30 to 3 p.m.**, followed by the Chaplet and a Reflection by Deacon John Kennedy. The world is in great need of God's Mercy. Come and pray with us.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that **FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held on **Thursday, May 02 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. Please **arrive 20 minutes early** as attendance will be taken before confessions begin.

**CURSILLO/ULTREYA:** We look forward to seeing you all for our Cursillo/Ultreya on **Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. until 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 the bookrack for more details. All are welcome.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our trained Pastoral Care workers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to our sick or housebound parishioners. Please contact Christina Chung at 613-737-4609.



Direct Your **United Way Contributions** to Holy Cross Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to Holy Cross? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., Ottawa, ON K1V 6R8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well. Charity Name: Holy Cross Parish/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0012

## Social Justice...

**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE--MAY 09:** Parishioners going to the March are encouraged to meet at the Eternal Flame on Parliament Hill between 12:30 pm the start of the Rally and 1:30 pm the start of the March. *We march and pray for a right to life for all.* For more information about the March and related events go to [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca). or, pick up a March for Life info card at the Social Justice bulletin board at the back of the Church.

The Diocesan Week for Life May 05 (Pro-Life Sunday) – May 11. The Diocese has prepared a pamphlet entitled *"Where Have All The Children Gone? Mourning 50 Years of Abortion 1969-2019"* which will be available next weekend. The Diocese also provided this quote: Albert Einstein once said: "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." In Einstein's day the evil was the Holocaust. Today's evil is the holocaust of abortion and euthanasia. What will you do to help stop this evil? For ways to help, see the poster (Support a Culture of Life) on the Social Justice bulletin board.

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE:** Here are some suggestions for Mother's Day gifts that children at DDFH could "buy" and wrap: personal accessories, cosmetics, house and garden items, books, crafts, summer gear, etc. Please place donations in the box under the Social Justice table by Sunday, May 05.

**RIVERSIDE GRANNIES** will hold a free will offering for the **Stephen Lewis Foundation. Loonies and Toonies will be collected after masses on the weekend of May 11/12, Mother's Day Weekend.** The SLF supports African Grannies who are the primary care-givers for their orphaned grandchildren. We suggest a Loonie for each grandchild and a Toonie for each great-grandchild. Your contribution will directly help the children who have already suffered much loss and pain.

**SOLES4SOULS** is an award-winning international charity that collects and distributes new or gently-used shoes to improve the welfare of the poor around the world. In many countries, shoes are required to attend school, have a job, to travel, and to stay healthy. Let's all step up and support this worthy cause by donating footwear for young and old on the weekends of **May 18/19 and May 25/26 only**. Please drop off your donations in the collection boxes located in the Church entrance on those weekends, and help transform lives.

## Other interests...

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

**FRESCO – MADONNA AND CHILD OVER OTTAWA:** Painted by Ugo Chryurlia. The painting may be viewed at Notre Dame Cathedral on May 01-05. The fresco was originally painted for St-Vincent de Paul Church, Ottawa. Notre Dame Cathedral is open to the public during regular hours; free admission.

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