

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 12 MAY 2019

“My sheep know my voice. I know them, and they follow me”

(Today’s Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30)



Announced Mass intentions

Sat., May 11 5:00PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+

Sun., May 12 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
MOTHER’S DAY
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – John Fernandez+
Helen Hanniman+
Agnes & William Nugent+
11:15AM Mass – Joyce Hooper+
Jean Ndah+

Mon., May 13 **NO MASS**

Tues., May 14 9:30AM Mass – Jacob Murphy (lvg)

Wed., May 15 12:15PM Mass – Therese Aubrey (lvg)

Thur., May 16 10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
12:15PM Mass – Gabrielle Murphy (lvg)

Fri., May 17 12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving
Agatha Thissen (lvg)
Patricia Arguedas+

Sat., May 18 5:00PM Mass – Beverley Olivestri (lvg)

Sun., May 19 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+
9:30AM Mass – John Fernandez+
Adele Costanza-Everett (lvg)
Anna & Bill Brown+
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar ...

Sat., May 11 9:00AM Cursillo/Ultreya – Church/Hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., May 12 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Riverside Grannies - Loonie / Toonie collection
K of C giving flowers to all Mothers

Tues., May 14 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., May 15 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall

Thurs., May 16 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A

Sat., May 18 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., May 19 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
2:00PM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – Church
Soles4Souls fundraiser after all Masses

COLLECTION REPORT

05 May 2019 – \$3,731.00 (env) / \$907.70 (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 souls of Antonino Doldo+; Mary Reitz+; Veronica Mahoney+ (sister of Marc Pajot)

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## *Deacon’s Column...*

### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

We are all familiar with cowboys and cattle ranchers. At least, we have seen movies where cowboys are riding their horses and driving their cattle to market. You need a bunch of cowboys to drive a herd of cattle. You must push them from behind, forcing them to move, and you need other cowboys on the sides to keep them all together.

Shepherding sheep is different. A shepherd walks in front of his flock, whistling or speaking or singing. The sheep follow along behind. As long as they can hear the shepherd’s voice, they keep following but they must stay close enough to always hear his voice. As long as the shepherd is close by, the wolves will not attack the sheep. Only when a sheep falls behind, out of reach of the shepherd’s voice, is there danger of getting lost and being attacked. When Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me," this is the image he has in mind.

He wants to stay close to us, and he wants us to stay close to him, close enough so we can always hear his voice. In this way we can be sure to arrive safely to the rich pastures and refreshing streams of a meaningful, joyful life. He is not a distant God, and he doesn’t want to save us from far away.

This is the image God has of himself: our good shepherd, leading us through the dark and dangerous valleys of this world by walking right beside us, by staying always within hearing - in the sacrament of confession, in the Eucharist, in the Pope, in the Bible... He is not a cowboy driving us on from behind and keeping his distance; he is our shepherd, and he wants us to hear his voice and stay by.

God bless,  
Deacon John

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GOOD NEWS FM RADIO RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE!!



Do you have a problem of hearing the Mass, or the homily, or announcements? Here is a practical solution for you. You can own your own FM Radio Receiver for \$20 which will be tuned with our sound system so you can hear the entire Mass etc. Call the office at 613-731-7834 if you are interested in purchasing one.

Pastor's Message...

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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### CONGRATULATIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS to Miriam Basten**, who received the award of **"DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION COMMENDATIONS"** from **Archbishop Terrence Prendergast at Notre Dame Cathedral on May 07, 2019.**

Miriam is a dedicated and inspiring teacher at St. Luke's School, Nepean. We at Holy Cross are proud of her achievement! Miriam's contributions to our Parish as a Choir Member, coordinator for our Power-Point slide presentations during our Masses and funerals, etc is a good example of how an educator in a school can make a difference in a Parish. God bless you Miriam!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the couples who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary from Holy Cross Parish at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 05, 2019.

**Tom ♥ Sheila Shields – 65<sup>th</sup> / Louis ♥ Barbara Giacomini 64<sup>th</sup> / André ♥ Annick Pascal – 62<sup>nd</sup> / Herbert ♥ Marianne Bergen and Joe ♥ Deanna Bones – 60<sup>th</sup> / Deacon John ♥ Sue Kennedy and Jay ♥ Claudette Lukenbill – 50<sup>th</sup> / Mike ♥ Simonne Larouche and Robert ♥ Josephine Rhynold – 40<sup>th</sup> / Mathew ♥ Annie Nallaperumbil – 30<sup>th</sup> / Michael ♥ Alysyn Steller – 15<sup>th</sup> / Matthew Fournier ♥ Ilaria Boldrini – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilarians, carry on along the journey of married life. Follow through to completion the vows you have made to each other before God, and may the Lord continue to accompany you and to pour out on you and your loved ones graces without number!

God bless,  
Fr. Lukose CMF

## Parish News and Community Life...

### PASTORAL CARE

Our trained Pastoral Care workers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to our sick or housebound parishioners. Please contact Pat Jackson at 613-421-0091.

## Social Justice...

**NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY - (May 12 - May 19).** Theme: **"Listening to the Gospel as a Family"**. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a letter to all Catholic families regarding the theme. Copies of this letter may be found at all the entrance of the Church.

**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 **May18/19 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.

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE:** The Mother's Day "Shopping Spree" for the youngsters at DDFH went off successfully this past week. Parishioners made the event possible with donations of hundreds of heart-warming gifts.

### A THANK YOU NOTE FROM DEBRA DYNES

*Dear Parishioners:*

*I am writing to thank you and the congregation of Holy Cross Parish for your continued and ongoing support of the Debra Dynes Family House and the community that we serve.*

*You have created so many opportunities for us to receive support and to work together with you and your congregation, in outreach to others who often struggle on a daily basis.*

*The "Yours Today" concert, sandwich making, food drives, your invitation to speak directly to the congregation, special collections and willingness to respond when we ask, has been very significant in our ability to help others.*

*Your, and the Parish's generosity of time and effort, have made a real difference in the lives of our families, children and youth.*

*We truly value our partnership with Holy Cross Parish and the people who dedicate so many hours to host events, find much needed items, and provide food for our families.*

*Barbara A. Carroll (Executive Director)*

**INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES:** Celebrate **Aboriginal Day** in Attawapiskat. St Francis Xavier parishioners have extended a warm invitation to us to participate in their annual Aboriginal Day celebration on **June 21.** Travel options include car or bus to Cochrane, Polar Bear Express train to Moosonee, and flight to Attawapiskat at a cost of about \$1000 round trip. Accommodation in Attawapiskat would be in the rectory and parish centre for a limited number, or at another facility at a cost to be determined. Likely travel dates June 19 departure, return June 23. If interested or for info call Mike Brady at 613-523-1818.



### BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

Holy God,

you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on our mother, give her comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in her work for our family.

Listen to our prayers, and bless her in all she does for you.

Let her share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven.

Amen

