

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 05 MARCH 2023

*“...suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them...
‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’”*

Announced Mass intentions ...

Sat., March 04 5:00PM Mass – Julie Watkinson (lvg)
Sun., March 05 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass – Tessie Mendes+
Fesseha Fre+ & Zafu Kuflu+
Banbit Roy+
Mieka Mahood+
Wed., March 08 12:15PM Mass – Rod MacNeil+
Thurs., March 09 12:15PM Mass – Leonora Estabillo+
Fri., March 10 11:30AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Bernard Connelly+
Sat., March 11 5:00PM Mass – Anna Kajuli+
Kajuli Family+
Sun., March 12 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass – In Thanksgiving
Bruno Batista+

Events Calendar ...

Sun., March 05 10:00AM Children's Liturgy
Mon., March 06 6:30PM **FIRST RECONCILIATION** for
Holy Cross School – Church
Wed., March 08 6:30PM **FIRST RECONCILIATION** for
Holy Family School – Church
7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice – Rm. A
Fri., March 10 7:00PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Sun., March 12 10:00AM Children's Liturgy
COFFEE SUNDAY after morning Masses

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: For those students and families who are registered for First Holy Communion and have completed the online course work and have attended the first 2 Masses/Preparation sessions are invited to receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation for **Holy Cross School will be on Monday, March 06 at 6:30 pm** and for **Holy Family School on Wednesday, March 08 at 6:30 pm**. For those students who are registered and attend Public or another School, you are asked to contact the Parish Office (613-731-7834) and inform them which date you will be attending. This also applies for those who cannot attend the date already set for the schools. Please be there 30 minutes early to check-in.

THE THIRD PREPARATION SESSION / CHILDREN'S MASS for those students and families registered for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on **SUNDAY, MARCH 26 at 2 pm**. Please plan to be there 30 minutes early to check-in. The Preparation teaching video will be sent out via Flocknote on March 09 for you to watch prior to the session. Attendance is mandatory.

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✚ **Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed souls of: **Angela Chow+** (wife of Donald Chow); Yvonne Richter+ (wife of

*May her soul rest in peace!*  
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Message from our Pastor ...

THE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE: FACE TRANSFORMED

There are moments in one's life, when we see difficulties ahead of us, especially when facing important decisions. Jesus saw ahead for himself a growing opposition from the religious leaders...they would kill him if he proceeded ahead with his mission. Yet he would carry out that task, and so he went up to the mountain to pray that the Father would give him courage. In the vision of transfiguration he saw a glimpse of resurrection from the dead.

Lent is for us the privileged season of change, of transformation. We are afraid of change, especially at the cost of ourselves. We are discouraged by the demand of the secular world success stories. We are afraid of choosing the right thing at the cost of comfort. Our complacent faces have to be changed into faces of joy and love and service.

Today Jesus shows us the way. He saw the suffering and death waiting for him and so his face and heart were sad. But he heard the voice of the Father affirming His love for him.

Our Lenten prayer should help us to hear God's voice and we need to listen to His words. Man does not live by bread alone but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We pray with our Risen Lord among us so that we too may see His light, and by His strength make the right decisions.

I encourage you to use the many resources available for you to make your personal Lenten spiritual journey. There is a wonderful movie called "The Chosen" on our website as well as on the FORMED website to watch as a family. It brings out many imaginative stories of Jesus and the disciples. I also encourage the parents to support our Children's Liturgy Lenten projects and we are appreciative of the hard work of our Children's Liturgy team.

God bless.

Fr. Lukose

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN MISSION— MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **MONDAY, MARCH 20 at 7 pm:** Movie night on "The Mission and Life of Mother Teresa" followed by a short reflection in the parish hall. The movie is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **TUESDAY, MARCH 21 at 7 pm:** "Do Something Beautiful for God" a talk by Fr. Eslin Pereira CMF followed by Mass. **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 at 7 pm:** Penitential Service followed by individual confession. We look forward to seeing you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditation on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. People longed to travel to the Holy Land and make a personal journey along the places where Jesus endured his suffering, death, and resurrection. But it was impossible to make such hard travel,

considering the challenges of the transportation system in the past.

So, every church designed the Stations of the Cross in such way that people can experience the Passion of Christ without travelling to the Holy Land.

The Sacred Congregation for the Divine Worship recommends that the traditions of the Cross should emphasize that the suffering and resurrection of Christ are one redemptive mystery.

You all are welcome to participate on the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. during Lent as our preparation for Easter.

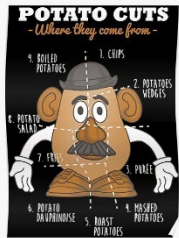
PLEASE NOTE: On **Friday, March 31** the **Stations of the Cross** will begin at **11:00 a.m.** On **Good Friday (April 07)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

"FORMED" Don't forget to check it out.

Parish News and Community Life ...

FAMILY MASS: Come one, come all, come early! Join us for the **Family Mass** on **March 19 at 10:00 a.m.** Parents and grandparents bring your children early and they will be given an opportunity to work with and shadow volunteers during the Mass. These jobs are important and will help give children a sense of belonging, confidence, and pride in the family of our church Holy Cross. As parents and grandparents we want to give our children the best we can, let's give the children an opportunity to actively participate and help out during the Mass. It will be a rewarding, joy filled experience for us all!

POTATO DRIVE: Parents and grandparents! Will you help



your children to help Debra Dynes and hunger in our community? Parents and grandparents will you help your children achieve their Lenten almsgiving goals by taking part in the Holy Cross Children's Liturgy Lenten project? Children need a real opportunity to give alms to the poor. Our almsgiving goal this year is to make a donation of fresh root

vegetables to the Debra Dynes Centre. Let your children or grandchildren purchase a potato, carrot, sweet potato, onion, garlic, ginger, or turnip with their allowance and **bring it with you to the Family Mass on March 19 at 10:00 a.m.** The children will process with their vegetable gifts during the preparation of the table. Our goal is to deliver two, 1/2-bushel baskets of root vegetables to Debra Dynes immediately following the Mass. If you do not have children or grandchildren, please consider bringing some root vegetable with you to help our cause. Hungry children in our community are a very real issue in our community, and fresh vegetables are an excellent source of necessary nutrients to help growing bodies to THRIVE! Help us tackle hunger in our community!

RESURRECTION EGGS: Calling all parents and grandparents! Join us for a **special Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 2, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** The children will be learning a special technique to help them retell the story of Jesus' Passion in their own words using Easter Eggs. It is a fun, meaningful liturgy your children will not want to miss! Should you have any questions, please contact Debbie Kuchciak at debbiekuchciak@gmail.com.

Social Justice ...

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Many thanks to all our parishioners who donated to last week's Lenten Food Drive. Your gifts of food, personal care items, gift cards and cash have been delivered to our 4 local food banks and are being distributed to those in need. Please keep in mind that your donations are collected in a bin at the front entrance to the church before every weekend Mass and delivered to our food banks every week. Thank you again for helping out those less fortunate in our community.

THIS LENT, LET'S STAND FOR THE LAND: This year Development & Peace—Caritas Canada's Create Hope: STAND FOR THE LAND CAMPAIGN calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. You can do this by donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world. Learn more by reading the mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/len/resources as well as the information at the back of the Church on the Social Justice table.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available on the table at the back of the church. When using your **Initial 2023 Offertory Envelopes** please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the back of the Church. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2022.

COLLECTION REPORT

26 February 2023 – \$2,595.00 (env) / \$367.75 (loose)

~ **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support ~

YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS are critical for the financial health of the Parish and make a difference!

There are several methods in supporting the Parish:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Payment (PAD). PAD forms may be found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: office@holycrossparish.com

Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

NOTE: If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the parish office with your new contact information so that our records are updated.