



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 19 MARCH 2023

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
...He said, “Lord, I do believe.” And he worshipped him.

Announced Mass intentions ...

Sat., March 18 5:00PM Mass – George Watkinson (lvg)
 Sun., March 19 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
 10:00AM Mass – Neil Pouliot (lvg)
 Nina Chung (lvg)
 Mieka Mahood+
 Joseph, Maria & Darko Dujmovic+
 Wed., March 22 12:15PM Mass
 Thurs., March 23 12:15PM Mass – Primo Canto+
 Fri., March 24 11:30AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
 12:15PM Mass – Simone Mallebranche+
 Vitus Lee+
 Sat., March 25 5:00PM Mass – Isabelle Chisholm+
 Henry Boucher+
 Sun., March 26 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
 10:00AM Mass – Neil Pouliot (lvg)
 Vivian Braganza+
 Bernard Connelly+

Events Calendar ...

Sun., March 19 10:00AM Children's Liturgy
 Mon., March 20 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN MISSION**
 Tues., March 21 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN MISSION**
 Wed., March 22 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN MISSION**
and RECONCILIATION SERVICE
 Fri., March 24 7:00PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
 Sun., March 26 2:00PM **PREPARATION / MASS for**
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Church

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—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 was sent out via Flocknote on March 09 for you to watch prior to the session. **Attendance is mandatory.**

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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have a loved one in the hospital and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, you are asked to please contact the Chaplain from that hospital.

Message from our Pastor ...

THIRD EYE

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher who brings out the spirituality of the awakening power of Christian mysticism. He says that the third eye is the way mystics see. They don't reject the first eye (thought or sight); the senses matter to them, but they know there is more. Nor do they reject the second eye (the eye of reason, meditation, and reflection), but they know not to confuse depth or mere correct information with the transformation of consciousness itself. The mystical gaze builds upon the first two eyes but goes further. This is third eye seeing.

In the Gospel for the Fourth Week of Lent, St. John the Evangelist emphasizes the truth of how we can be blinded by our spiritual blindness even though we think that we see and know things about eternal realities. The contrast is brought out in the encounter of Jesus with a blind man. The self-righteous Pharisees and Scribes fail to recognize the Light in Christ as Son of God. They are already plotting to kill him, while the blind man comes to the light of truth in Jesus and follows Him after being physically healed. He is enlightened by the encounter with Jesus. Lent is a time to see the spiritual blindness in us through the lens of humility and word of God.

We are so blessed to have a Pope who is more pastoral in his approach than focused on doctrinal issues. On March 13th, Francis celebrated his tenth anniversary as Pope. He had been leading the catholic church through the examples of humility and openness to changes. Pope Francis had been pleading for peace in Ukraine and raised his concern against the arms race and hostility. We keep him in our prayers as we go through hard times within and outside of the church. May God bless him with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I am so grateful to all the efforts of our different ministries who offer opportunities of "Holy Moments" during this Lenten season.

God bless.

Fr. Lukose CMF

Please join us on **MONDAY, MARCH 20 FOR MASS AT 9:30 AM** and **CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**, the Principal Patron of Canada, and the Patron of the Universal Church. All are welcome.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil. Amen



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: 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 ...



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 information and envelope number.

RESURRECTION EGGS: Calling all parents and grandparents! Join us for a **special Children’s Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 02, 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! For info contact Debbie Kuchciak at debbiekuchciak@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION – FAITH STUDIES: Over the last year a handful of parishioners have gathered to discover how to live more intentionally in the fullness of the Catholic faith with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. We worked through a series of studies developed by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), that proposed and presented our faith clearly and simply. As we studied and shared together, we heard Church teachings, joyfully, simply, and clearly, backed up with scripture and papal encyclicals.

CCO’s ministry, now in their 35th year, once focused primarily on university students. For a number of years now, they have been reaching out to parishes. Holy Cross has been coached along the way with a CCO consultant who meets regularly with our parish coach (Jane Prini) who then accompanies the five leaders of the groups they are leading. In the coming weeks these leaders will be commissioned by Fr. Lukose to continue this cooperation with Jesus in equipping other parishioners to be leaders. For info on CCO and their missionary works, visit our website under the *Discipleship & Evangelization* tab, scroll down/over to: *Catholic Faith Studies*.

Social Justice ...

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/lent/resources as well as the information at the back of the Church on the Social Justice table.

Other interests ...

NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE STOCKBRIDGE MA, USA – APRIL 15-16. St. Peter’s Parish (Ottawa) is organizing a Pilgrimage tour on April 15 & 16. Hotel Occupancy: Prices are per person: Double - \$250 / Triple - \$235 or Quad - \$230. Register by April 02. For info/registration, contact Juanita Peate at 613-866-0821.

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Marcel Damphousse invites all the faithful for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, April 04 at 5:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 06 April at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 07 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 – 08 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 – 09 April – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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

COLLECTION REPORT

12 March 2023 – \$3,064.00 (env) / \$309.20 (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.