



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 30 APRIL 2023

**“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep...
Whoever enters by me will be saved...”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36b-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., April 29 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Sun., April 30 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00AM Mass – Vera Dias+

William Labadie+

10:00AM Mass – Mike & Barb Lowe (Ivg)

Kathryn & David Martin (Ivg)

Alan Johnson+

Reynaldo Torres+

Wed., May 03 12:15PM Mass

Thurs., May 04 12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+

Fri., May 05 12:15PM Mass – Agnes Murphy (Ivg)

Sat., May 06 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Sun., May 07 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00AM Mass – Arlette Da Silva+

10:00AM Mass – Tom Shields+

Sylvia Daniels+

Bernice Brannen+

Vincent Chung (Ivg)

Events Calendar ...

Sun., April 30 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after morning
Masses – Hall

Wed., May 03 7:00PM K of C Executive meeting

7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice

Sun., May 07 Representatives from SVDP will be
speaking at all the Masses

2:00PM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION** – Church



CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 23. **Kaleah Armstrong Smyth, Precious Fermo, Harley Hipson, Audrina Camille Librado, Malcolm MacLean, Denise Matibag, Marian Pimentel, Anthony Sparling and Lillian Thompson.**

“May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts!”

The next celebration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May 07 at 2 p.m.

†OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS: For the departed soul of **Jerzy Turek+**

May his soul rest in peace.

Pastor's Message ...

THE SHEPHERD IS THE GATE

The sheepfold was where the flock of sheep retired at night. It was surrounded with walls and had no gate. The entrance was wide enough for the sheep to enter and for the shepherd to sleep there for the night's rest. The shepherd was the gate. No one could either enter or exit unless they passed through him. Jesus is the Shepherd and the gate of our sheepfold.

We are His sheep. The community is His flock and the Church His fold. The sheep belonging to Jesus listen to His voice.

In the world we hear many voices: the voice of the media that plagues us with messages even in the privacy of our homes; the voice of self-styled and self-appointed godmen and godwomen peddling their own brand of teaching; the voice of a secular world that is at times distorted and runs contrary to the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd in the Word of God who speaks to us when the Scriptures are proclaimed. We hear the voice of Jesus in the stillness of a well-formed conscience.

God Bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FAMILY MASSES: We have two Family Masses left before we break for the summer. Those two dates are **SUNDAY, MAY 21** and **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**. We strongly encourage families to support their children and have them sign up for a role. All children will be gently mentored by an adult volunteer throughout the Mass. Roles available to children are Lector, Announcer, Prayers of the Faithful, Mass Coordinator, Usher, Greeter, Collection, Altar Server, and Cross

bearer. For the role of Lector and Prayers of the Faithful, please understand practice is required at home and at the altar the week preceding the Family Mass with a trained lector. We would also like to offer hospitality following the Family Masses, so we will accept potluck donations of baked goods and juice boxes. If you are interested, please see the information and sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Debbie at debbiekuchciak@gmail.com.



Parish News and Community Life...

CONFIRMATION—CFC-YOUTH CAMP: A reminder to parents whose children are registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation—The CFC-Youth Catholic Youth CAMP for our 2023 Confirmation candidates will be held on May 12 and 13. Your child must be registered for this CAMP as it is in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please see the sheet you received at the parent meeting. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 03 at 10:30 am with Bishop Yvan Mathieu, s.m.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

ELECTIONS: Parish Pastoral Council is a ministry in our Parish that assists the Pastor in discerning the pastoral needs of the Parish Community. I would like to thank all those who are currently serving. **Elections to fill three positions** for Parish Pastoral Council will be held on May 27/28. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Road entrance and **must be submitted no later than May 20**. Nomination forms should include a photo and a brief description of what you would wish to contribute to the PPC. For more information call the Parish office at 613-731-7834.

PASTORAL CARE

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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have borrowed a Pyx from the parish to bring Holy Communion to someone and you still have it, we ask that you please contact the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION - CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

(CCO) FAITH STUDIES: We have three Discovery groups meeting, with others starting in the next few months, to discover how to live out our Catholic faith more intentionally with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. The group leaders will be formally commissioned on Ascension Sunday, May 21 at the 10:00 am Mass. Fr. Lukose will commission them as they accept their mission to participate with Jesus to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). Please keep these leaders in your prayers. For more information on CCO, see the parish website under Discipleship & Evangelization in: Catholic Faith Studies.

UPCOMING EVENT: Plans for the MULTICULTURAL NIGHT ON SATURDAY, MAY 27 are under way!



We are now seeking the participation of parishioners who are willing to prepare a dish reflecting their country of origin or cultural heritage. Beginning this weekend, sign-up sheets are available on the table between the entrance doors at the Walkley Rd entrance. Tickets will go on sale next weekend after all Masses. Be sure to purchase your

tickets early, as there will be a limited number available. Tickets prices are: \$25 per adult, \$65.00 per family (2 Adults, 2 children), \$10 per child (7-14 years), FREE for children under the age of 7.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

FRONT STEPS RECONSTRUCTION: The front steps of the Church have posed a safety hazard for many years and consequently, reconstruction is required. The work has already begun and is expected to last a few weeks. The Springland side steps will be reconstructed first followed by the steps on the parking lot side. This will require that the steps that are being reconstructed be blocked off.

Social Justice...

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – OTTAWA

SOUTH CONFERENCE: On the weekend of May 06/07, representatives at Holy Cross will be speaking for a few minutes after Mass to explain the mission of SSVP. We look forward to sharing the good work of SSVP. For more info contact Pauline Houlahan (905-467-7748) or Steve Dore (613-222-7396).

Other interests...

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE WEEK – MAY 07 – 12:

“STAND FIRM”: *“Stand firm, therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.”* (Ephesians 6:14). Join us for the biggest **PRO-LIFE** demonstration in Canada the **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** in Ottawa on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on **May 11 at 12:30 pm**. There will be a full schedule of the pro-life events happening, from Mass and Candlelight, Masses for Life & Prayer Services, Rally and March, Youth Summit and Banquet and the Rose Dinner. For info call Campaign Life at 613-729-0379 or debbie@clife.ca.

COLLECTION REPORT

23 April 2023 – \$2,784.00 (env) / \$445.45 (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 (PAP). PAP forms may be found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: office@holycrossparish.com

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS (PAP)

Did you know ... Once-a-month Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) is the same as a cash or cheque offering for the collection basket! It helps us by providing a regular, dependable flow of contributions.

PLEASE 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.

Food For Thought †

“From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.” (St. John Paul II)