



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 07 MAY 2023

**“...the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do...
will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12)

Announced Mass intentions

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 – Vincent Chung (Ivg) Tom Shields+ Sylvia Daniels+ Bernice Brannen+
Wed., May 10	10:30AM Funeral for Jean Belanger+ 12:15PM MASS IS CANCELLED
Thurs., May 11	12:15PM Mass – Gilles Patry+
Fri., May 12	12:15PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+
Sat., May 13	5:00PM Mass
Sun., May 14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Marlene Braganza (Ivg) Ronald Ramsahoye+ Muriel Stephens+

Events Calendar ...

Sun., May 07	Representatives from SVDP will speak at all the Masses 2:00PM SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Church
Wed., May 10	7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice
Thurs., May 11	1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
Fri., May 12	5:00PM CFC YOUTH CAMP preparation for CONFIRMATION – Hall
Sat., May 13	8:15AM CFC YOUTH CAMP preparation for CONFIRMATION – Hall
Sun., May 14	10:00AM Children's Liturgy

✠ OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:



For the departed souls of
Jean Belanger+
Beatrice Davis+
John Dorner+

May their souls rest in peace.

Pastor's Message...

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE (John 14:4-31)

The way to the Father is Jesus himself: not a set of impersonal rules and regulations, not even a series of commandments to be observed, but a person, Jesus. He is himself the Way to the Father. The Church will arrive at her goal not by a list of truths, but through the person who is the Truth. The danger always facing God's Church is that of reducing her moral teaching and her doctrine to principles and ideas. Her Way, however, can never be a mere code of ethics. Her Truth is not concepts. Her Way is Jesus; her Truth is Jesus. Furthermore, she does not walk this earth yearning for a life that lies far ahead; even now she possesses eternal life, for the One who is with her is Life itself.

Jesus is the Life because he gives knowledge of the Father: he who sees Jesus sees the Father. Eternal life is that loving knowledge that unites the believer with God (see John 17:3)
(Marcel Gervais, Emeritus Archbishop of Ottawa)



MAY: MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Mother and Patroness. The second Vatican Council says of her: *"In an utterly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, and hope and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a Mother to us in the order of grace..."* Let us not forget the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. As we celebrate the month of May as the Marian Month, we will have a special prayer said at all the Sunday Masses throughout the month. Please make an effort to pray the Rosary or say a prayer to Mary with your families. You are also most welcome to join the recitation of the Rosary on Saturdays at 4:40 pm before our 5 pm Mass, as well as before the weekday Masses at 11:45 a.m.

Holy Mother of God: pray for us.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

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.

Food For Thought ✠

"The mystery of Mary is deep. Yet, if we turn to her, this woman wrapped in mystery and in silence, she will speak. The one through whom God came to us will lead us back to Him."
(Catherine Doherty)

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 practise is required at home and at the ambo 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.

CONFIRMATION: The **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on **Saturday, June 03 at 10:30 a.m.** with **Bishop Yvan Mathieu, s.m.**

HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held on **Sunday, June 04**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year as well as the highlights for last year. We encourage all parishioners to come and spend an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community.



PARISHIONERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARISH STEAK & AWARDS BBQ will be held on **Saturday, June 17** in the parish hall. Details will be in upcoming bulletins.



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.

UPCOMING EVENT: Plans for the **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT ON SATURDAY, MAY 27** is now just 3 weeks away. We are **seeking parishioners who are willing to prepare** a dish reflecting their country of origin or cultural heritage. Sign-up sheets are available on the table between the entrance doors at the Walkley Rd entrance. **Ticket 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 Springland side steps has been started 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: Today at Mass, we spoke and shared the story of SSVP, about helping our neighbours in need and how you can support these efforts. Knowledge is power and our hope is you are better informed now to decide how you would like to be involved. As members of Holy Cross, we will keep the community aware of our works and any needs that might be met with our help. For info contact Pauline Houlahan at 613-733-2298 or Steve Dore at 613-222-7396.

COLLECTION REPORT

30 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.



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.