



ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 21 MAY 2023

**“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., May 20	5:00PM Mass – Mary Chisholm+ Ray and June Flansberry (lvg)
Sun., May 21	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory Ana & Slavko Dujmovic+ Merv Hanniman (lvg) Augustine & Evelyn Valcin (lvg)
Wed., May 24	12:15PM Mass
Thurs., May 25	12:15PM Mass
Fri., May 26	11:30AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass
Sat., May 27	5:00PM Mass
Sun., May 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Fesseha Fré & Zafu Kuflu+

Events Calendar ...

Sun., May 21	10:00AM Commissioning of Faith Study Leaders
Wed., May 24	7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
Thurs., May 25	1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
Sat., May 27	6:00PM Multicultural Dinner – Hall
Sun., May 28	10:00AM Children's Liturgy Commissioning for the Knights of Columbus

MASS OFFERINGS

The tradition of giving offerings to have Masses celebrated for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Christ's faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, especially the support of the sacred ministers and the fulfillment of the Church's apostolic activity (cf. canon 946). Normally, a separate Mass is celebrated for each individual offering. The recommended diocesan offering for an announced (communal) Mass is **\$15**, to be remitted to the priest celebrant. The offering for an unannounced Mass (not announced publicly) is **\$10**.

The Church permits Masses with multiple intentions as an exception to normal practice. **In our parish, the two Masses designated as “multiple intention” Masses will be, Sunday's at 10:00 a.m. and Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Only ONE Mass intention will be celebrated at all other Masses.** Parishioners are encouraged to have **unannounced Masses** offered if the schedule fills up too quickly. These Mass intentions and offerings could be sent to the Chancery office to be celebrated by our retired priests or priests in mission territories who depend on them for their sustenance.

Reflection from Pope Francis...

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF OUR FAITH

It is the Holy Spirit who permits the Christian to have the “memory” of the history and gifts received from God. Without this grace, there is the risk of slipping into idolatry.

The response that Saint Paul receives from a group of disciples of Ephesus, presented in the Acts of the Apostles, is surprising: “We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” These words astonish Paul, but one can observe with realism that the lack of awareness manifested by Christians two thousand years ago is not only “something from early on; the Holy Spirit is always to some extent the unknown of our faith.

“Now so many Christians do not know who the Holy Spirit is, what the Holy Spirit is like. And sometimes we hear; ‘But I'm doing just fine with the Father and the Son, because I pray the Our Father to the Father, I receive communion with the Son, but with the Holy Spirit I don't know what to do. . .’ Or they say: ‘The Holy Spirit is the dove, the one who gives us the seven gifts.’ But this way the poor Holy Spirit is always last and does not find a good place in our lives.”

Instead the Holy Spirit is “God active in us, God who reminds us,” who “awakens our memory.” Jesus himself explains this to the apostles before Pentecost: he will send the Spirit of God to them in his name, his pledges, and “he will remind you of everything I have said.” For a Christian, when the Holy Spirit is ignored, a dangerous slope appears.

The invitation is to ask for the grace of memory in order to be persons who do not forget the road we have traveled, “do not forget the graces in our lives, do not forget the forgiveness of our sins, do not forget that we were slaves and the Lord saved us.” (Encountering Truth ...to be continued in the next bulletin)

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our First Holy Communion children and the parents for making this special event a beautiful one. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to our Sacramental team; to Serena Rebello for preparing the videos of the First Holy Communion. You have put your heart and soul into making it understandable and interesting. A big thank you to the other members of the team: Shannon Leo, Maureen Proulx, Michelle Mysak, Simmone Larouche, Barbara & Joe Goski, Armando Prini, Kuchciak Family, Frank Bonacci, Greg Yost, and our Altar Servers during the celebration, as well as those who assisted behind the scenes. The participation of the children at our Sacramental preparation Masses was well received. I encourage the parents of the children to get involved in our Family Masses.

We are also preparing the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 03. What a blessing it was to have the “Couples for Christ” Youth Team to have the retreat and camp. Thanks to Shannon Leo and family in organizing the whole event.

God bless,  
Fr. Lukose CMF



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

### *Parish News and Community Life...*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ray and June Flansberry on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**PLEASE NOTE – DATE CHANGE: HOLY CROSS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, June 11**, 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FAMILY MASS:** Join us on



**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 sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Debbie at [debbiekuchciak@gmail.com](mailto:debbiekuchciak@gmail.com).



**PARISHIONERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARISH STEAK & AWARDS BBQ** hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Saturday, June 17 at 6 p.m.** in the parish hall. Tickets will be available at the back of the Church on the weekend of the

June 03/04 and June 10/11. The cost per ticket is \$25. each. All are welcome to attend.

### 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.

**MULTICULTURAL NIGHT – SATURDAY, MAY 27.** This is the **last weekend for purchasing your tickets** for the Multicultural Night. **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 reconstruction of the parking lot side steps has begun. That side of the steps are now blocked off. Please be careful as you go round to the Springland Drive side for entering the Church.

### *Social Justice...*

**ELIMU NEWS:** Founder, Nina Chung will be in Kenya between May 14 - July 18. She will be mentoring her team, engaging with the children and youth in their programs and gathering stories. She will participate in their first-ever Fundraising Dinner & Fashion Show for their local Kenyan community. They are raising funds to buy new computers and tablets, to upgrade existing desktop computers and replace damaged tables and chairs. Their goal is \$6,000. Nina invites you to join the effort with a donation via their website at [www.elimu.ca](http://www.elimu.ca). See details on the Social Justice Bulletin.

**NOTICE:** Please check the **LOST AND FOUND BOX** under the table near the elevator within the next couple of weeks. We have many gloves, hats, scarves, keys, water bottles etc. For those items that are not picked up by the beginning of June, we will be donating them to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

### *Other interests...*

**SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS (SMOP):** An invitation to any Catholic woman interested in becoming a Spiritual Mother of Priests. Formation Weekend and Induction/Renewal Promises Mass—June 02, 03, and 04 at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. For details go to the website at [www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca](http://www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca). Register by email to [spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com). The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 24. For more information please call 613-254-7220.

### **COLLECTION REPORT**

14 May 2023 – \$2,824.05 (env) / \$834.10 (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](mailto: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.