



## PENTECOST SUNDAY – 28 MAY 2023

**“...he breathed on them and said to them,  
‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”**

(Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23)



### ***Announced Mass intentions***

Sat., May 27	5:00PM Mass
Sun., May 28	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Fesseha Fré & Zafu Kuflu+
Wed., May 31	12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Thurs., June 01	12:15PM Mass
Fri., June 02	11:00AM <b>ADORATION</b> until 12 noon
	12:15PM Mass
Sat., June 03	10:30AM Mass for the <b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b>
	5:00PM Mass
Sun., June 04	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Bernice Brannen+ Agatha Thissen+

### ***Events Calendar ...***

Sun., May 28	10:00AM Children's Liturgy
	Commissioning for the Knights of Columbus
Wed., May 31	7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
Sat., June 03	Joe Goski speaking at the Mass
Sun., June 04	Joe Goski speaking at all the Masses

### **† OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:**



For the departed soul of  
**Barbara Hennig+**  
**May her soul rest in peace.**

**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.



**CONFIRMATION:** The **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on **Saturday, June 03 at 10:30 a.m.** with **Bishop Yvan Mathieu, s.m.** **PARENTS AND SPONSORS** are asked to **arrive 45 minutes before the Mass begins.**

### **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.

### ***Reflection from Pope Francis...***

#### **THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR TRAVELING COMPANION AND FRIEND**

The Holy Spirit is our friend and traveling companion and tells us where Jesus is. The Holy Spirit is “God, the Person God, who gives witness to Jesus Christ in us” and protects us. “Jesus calls him the Paraclete, meaning the one who defends us,” who “is always by our side to support us.”

“Christian life cannot be understood without the presence of the Holy Spirit; it would not be Christian. It would be a religious life of pagan piety that believes in God but without the vitality that Jesus wants for his disciples. And what gives vitality is the Holy Spirit, present.”

The Spirit “gives witness” to Jesus “so that we can give it to others. He opens our hearts to know Jesus. Without him we cannot know Jesus. He prepares us for the encounter with Jesus. He takes us along the way of Jesus. The Holy Spirit acts in us throughout the whole day, during our whole life, as a witness who tells us where Jesus is.

“Let's ask for the grace to accustom ourselves to the presence of this traveling companion, the Holy Spirit, of this witness of Jesus who tells us where Jesus is, how to find Jesus, what Jesus is telling us. To have a certain familiarity: he is a friend. Jesus said it: ‘No, I am not leaving you alone, I am leaving you Him.’ Jesus leaves him to us as a friend. Let's get into the habit of asking ourselves, before the end of the day: ‘What has the Holy Spirit done in me today? What testimony has he given me? How has he spoken to me? What has he suggested to me?’ (Pope Francis, Encountering Truth)

**ATTENTION: FLOCKNOTE UPDATE:** Our Flocknote communication tool was extensively used during Covid time at Holy Cross to connect with the Parishioners for registering for Masses, sending out updates on Covid restrictions, sharing resources for Children's Liturgy, Sacramental preparation etc. As a result, the list of registration grew large, and many are not opening the Flocknote messages as Covid restrictions are lifted. So we are in the process of updating the data. If you wish to continue to be in our mailing list, we are asking you to renew your email ID as early as possible. This will help the Parish to reorganize our parish communication system more effectively. Thank you.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Jane Prini for her hard work in preparing the weekly online Sunday Children's Liturgy resources, especially during Covid time. May God bless your service towards the children of the parish.

God bless,  
Fr. Lukose CMF

## Parish News and Community Life...

**KIDS MINISTRY ONLINE FAREWELL:** Over the past 19 months Kids Ministry has offered a weekly online Sunday scriptures commentary with family discussion starters, activity suggestions, a colouring page and word puzzles. This was started because Children's Liturgy could not meet in person due to COVID. Now that Children's Liturgy is gathering regularly, it makes sense to discontinue this online resource. **Pentecost Sunday, May 28** will be the last posting. You are encouraged to make use of the many links on the website for continuing to learn and grow in your faith as a family at Holy Cross. With Blessings, your sister in Christ, Jane Prini

**HOLY CROSS PARISH YOUTH!** We are CFC-Youth Ottawa, and we are happy to invite you to our upcoming Prayer Assembly happening at **St. Monica Parish**, (2080 Merivale Rd.) this coming **Friday, June 02, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm**. As we Praise & Worship our Lord and Saviour, we will also have an awe-inspiring talk where you will learn about personal relationship with Jesus, as well as some fun and fellowship. We pray that you can make it, please tell your friends all about it, the more the merrier! To register please email [julius\\_dapar@yahoo.com](mailto:julius_dapar@yahoo.com).



**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 of 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** 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 June

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

**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, 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 Mass, 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).

### 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. We have many gloves, hats, scarves, water bottles, even a purse. For those items that are not picked up by June 02, we will be donating them to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes if you have not yet done so.

### ~~~~~ COLLECTION REPORT

21 May 2023 - \$2,280.00 (env) / \$591.35 (loose)

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



**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?**

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**