



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18 JUNE 2023

***“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.”***

(Today's Readings: Exodus 19:1-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10.8)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., June 17	5:00PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
Sun., June 18	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Garry Brown+
	Vivian Braganza+
	Fr. Kenneth Nzewuji+
Wed., June 21	12:15PM Mass– Costanza & Patry Family+
Thurs., June 22	12:15PM Mass – Joseph Wong+
Fri., June 23	11:30AM ADORATION until 12 noon
	12:15PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+
Sat., June 24	5:00PM Mass
Sun., June 25	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Richard McConnell+
	Bernice Brannen+
	Fr. Kenneth Nzewuji+
	Raulyn Mathews+

Events Calendar ...

Wed., June 21	7:00PM K of C general mtg. – Hall
	7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
Thurs., June 22	8:30AM Rehearsal for Horizon of Hope
Sun., June 25	10:00AM Children's Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: A SPECIAL INVITATION TO HOLY CROSS PARISHIONERS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 06 AT 10 AM: For couples of Holy Cross Parish who are celebrating **20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2023**. Please fill out a form found on the table at the entrance of the Church and place it in the basket provided. **Please register before July 17.** For more information, call the parish office.



BLESSING FOR FATHERS

Lord, Jesus, our brother,
we praise you for saving us.
Teach us to love you and your Father
by keeping your commandments.
Bless + these fathers,
and deepen their love for their wives and families.
By their work and example and prayer,
may they lead their children to follow you.
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayers as we offer you glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

Message from our Pastor...

HARVEST IS PLENTY BUT LABOURERS ARE FEW

Wherever Jesus went, people gathered for many reasons. Most of them wanted to be fed, healed of physical illness or to get some comfort. Even though Jesus did some miracles, his ministry was to point them towards better understanding of God's kingdom and His will. So he felt that people pressing around him were like sheep without a shepherd, lacking direction and lost. He felt how religion had become more of a burden than comfort. He was moved with compassion and mercy.

Now he wants the disciples to continue his mission of compassion and mercy of God. He picks his disciples, twelve in remembrance of the twelve tribes of Israel. They are supposed to be disciples from every tribe, race, nation, place, and peoples on earth. And these leaders are given the mandate to confront evil, sin and injustice that harm the children of God and to provide solace, medicine, comfort, peace, and forgiveness.

It is not just preaching about Jesus but showing and witnessing what Jesus stood for. And we all need the spirit of Christ to do the same. Our Baptism is a call to witness Christ. We are called not to judge or condemn anyone but to show the mercy of God which we have received. Remember the words of Mother Teresa, "Evangelization starts with a smile".

Together, let us celebrate our fathers who encourage us when we face life's challenges. We ask God to bless them with health, wisdom, and faith and to hold our departed fathers in the peace of eternal life.

Happy Father's Day blessings.
Fr. Lukose CMF

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.

Parish News and Community Life...

FORMED: Through FORMED On Demand, you have convenient access to a vast library of high quality and regularly updated films, talks, ebooks, and audio dramas, all of which will enrich your faith. We highly recommend our most recently featured content as you begin to explore the rich truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith. Parishioners are invited to explore the many Catholic videos, audio recordings, movies and books. Go to our parish website to join **FORMED** for **FREE**.

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.

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.

Social Justice...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, parishioners, for your donations to last weekend's **FOOD DRIVE.** 61 bags of food and personal care items, as well as \$860 in cash, cheques, and grocery store gift cards, have been delivered to our 4 local food banks. They, and the people they serve, are very, very grateful. If you forgot to make your donation during the Food Drive, your contributions are collected before every weekend Mass at the front entrance to the Church and delivered to the banks that week. **Many, many thanks!**

Other interests...

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF ST. ANN IN CORMAC: Plan to attend the 83rd annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac on Sunday, July 30, with Bishop Guy Desrochers. The theme will be "*Living a Daily Life with the Trinity*". The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am with Bishop Guy Desrochers presiding. At 1 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Closing Benediction at 1:30 p.m. Area priests will be assisting with the blessing with St. Ann's oil. Religious articles. Info: www.cormacpilgrimage.com

PILGRIMAGE IS PRECEDED BY A 3-DAY TRIDUUM AT ST. ANN'S PARISH IN CORMAC: Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm, Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. led by Fr. Réal Ouellette. The theme is: *Living a Daily Life with the Trinity*.

149TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND OUR LADY OF THE CAPE is resuming with buses that will depart from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, St-Jérôme/Mont-Laurier and Kingston August 12-13, 2023. Our Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Guy Desrochers, Diocese of Pembroke.

The Parish Vocations Ministry of Holy Redeemer parish invites you to a fundraiser **PRIVATE TOUR OF THE CATHEDRAL,** led by Fr. O'Hara. Includes a live presentation of Fr. Connor on the organ. This event will help Holy Redeemer Parish continue to create a culture of vocations in our diocese. Cost: by donation. Spots limited to 100 people. Info: josephene.kealey@gmail.com

COLLECTION REPORT

11 June 2023 – \$2,498.25 (env) / \$518.50 (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.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be publishing **ONLY ONE BULLETIN** for July and one bulletin for August. Our regular weekly bulletin will resume on the weekend of September 03. **Announced Mass Intentions**, as well as **bulletin submissions** for the month of July must be in by **Tuesday, June 27 at 12 noon** and for the month of August **submissions** must be in by **Tuesday, August 01 at 12 noon**, respectively, to be included in the bulletin.

Parishioners are also reminded that the **OFFICE HOURS** published in the front of our bulletin have been adjusted for the summer as well as to accommodate vacations etc, please call first to ensure the office will be open.

The AGM Report along with the minutes from the meeting held on June 11 may be found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. We ask that once you have read it, to please put it back for other parishioners to read. Thank you.