



## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25 JUNE 2023

***"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others,  
I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;  
but whoever denies me before others,  
I also will deny before my Father in heaven."***

(Today's Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33)

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

Sat., June 24	5:00PM Mass
Sun., June 25	<b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Richard McConnell+ Bernice Brannen+ Fr. Kenneth Nzewuji+ Raulyn Mathews+
Tues., June 27	9:30AM Holy Cross School – Year-End Liturgy – Church
Wed., June 28	12:15PM Mass– Souls in Purgatory
Thurs., June 29	12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Fri., June 30	11:30AM <b>ADORATION</b> until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Fred Pilgrim+ Bydlinski & Cellbroet Families+
Sat., July 01	<b>CANADA DAY</b> 5:00PM Mass
Sun., July 02	<b>13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Barb Hennig+ Darko & Santa Sedlar+ Armande Lemoine+

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

Sun., June 25	<b>STRAWBERRY SUNDAY</b> after all morning Masses – parish hall
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**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.



### **HOLY CROSS PARISH FEAST**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER  
17** we will celebrate the **FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE  
CROSS.** We will all come together as one faith community for  
the **festive Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 17.**  
Our celebrant at the Mass will be **Bishop Yvan Mathieu.**  
More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

### ***Message from our Pastor...***

#### **FEAR NOT**

You have heard this old saying, "God never gives more than you can handle." Can we believe it? Are you convinced that this statement is true when you face danger in life? I struggle and question and see when personal tragedies happen, when the innocent are victimized, when Christians are persecuted even today in Nigeria, India, Middle East countries and so on. Sure enough, we all feel helpless. And when we feel we can't handle all these challenges, they call us to trust in the words of Jesus. "Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul".

The disciples were sent into a hostile world and naturally they had to face the violence and persecutions. While there is evil lurking that can ravage our souls, there is also a kingdom that awaits us in God's reality. This is why even though Jesus foresaw his suffering and death, he went on preaching about God's Kingdom. We believe in God's kingdom of justice and love. Sometimes we can be disheartened but let us trust that God has got the bigger picture of the universe!

I am so edified by so many of our parishioners to whom God has given more than they can handle, yet they carry their struggles, challenges, and crosses with grace and poise. They find comfort in their faith. If God loves us, we can also trust in his protection like children. Let us continue to pray for the grace of trust and courage in our personal struggles.

**THANK YOU** to Marcus Cole for his service to the parish as the Grand Knight. He had been instrumental in recruiting many Knights. I pray that they may inspire the parishioners through their teamwork.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joe Goski and his family as the recipients of the Best Family Award of the year and to Frank Bonacci as the best Knight. God bless you all.

As you care for your gardens, you are welcome to bring some fresh flowers for the altar with your children and/or grandchildren.

God bless.  
Fr. Lukose CMF

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



CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is now over for the summer months. We thank all the parents who brought their children down to the Children's Liturgy and for all your support. We especially thank Fr. Lukose and all our leaders and volunteers, who without you we could not run this wonderful program for the children. We wish all the children and their families a happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in September when we resume.

## HOSPITALITY



The Hospitality Committee invites you to come and enjoy **STRAWBERRY SUNDAY** this weekend (June 25) in the parish hall following the 8 and 10 am Masses. Using fresh local berries, we'll be serving Strawberry Shortcake as well as Strawberries & Ice Cream. A beverage will also be included. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-out will also be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SENIORS MINISTRY: CALLING ALL CLUB 55 MEMBERS:

Holy Cross Parish is planning to offer, a four-part, 2-hour sessions on Tuesday mornings in October. The topic will be on **End-of-Life Palliative Care Approaches**. More details in upcoming bulletins.

**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**.

## ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY GOLF



**TOURNAMENT:** This is an invitation for you and friends to join our annual golf tournament: **Date:** Friday, July 28, 2023; **Place:** Metcalfe Golf Course; **Time:** 1 pm or later depending on numbers; **Cost:** \$85 per person. This includes your golf card and supper; **Format:** 9 holes, or best ball. Prizes for all who play. Please register by contacting Peter Choquette at [choquette.peter@gmail.com](mailto:choquette.peter@gmail.com)

## Other interests...

**149<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE** – Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape from August 12 – 13, 2023. Buses will depart from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier/St-Jérôme and Kingston on August 12. Weekend celebrant: Bishop Guy Desrochers. For more information regarding departure locations, cost, and other inquiries, please contact Mike Budge at 613 224-8110 or email at [mike.budge@bell.net](mailto:mike.budge@bell.net).

## COLLECTION REPORT

18 June 2023 – \$2,643.50 (env) / \$467.75 (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.

**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

**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.

**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.**



**A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS.** You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass

## Food for Thought †

*"We should not allow the night to fall on our anger. We should beg forgiveness and forgive every day. Let us pray that we may forgive, because few forgive these days, nationally and internationally speaking, and perhaps also personally. That is why we have the mess that we have."*

(Grace in Every Season – Catherine Doherty)