



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 03 SEPTEMBER 2023

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me...’”

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 02	5:00PM Mass
Sun., Sept. 03	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Diogene Theard+
Wed., Sept. 06	12:15PM Mass – Zimmerling Family+
Thurs., Sept. 07	12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving
Fri., Sept. 08	11:30AM ADORATION until 12 noon
	12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sat., Sept. 09	5:00PM Mass – Ernest Charlebois+
Sun., Sept. 10	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Fesseha Fre & Zafu Kuflu+
	Frank, Joseph & Frank Jr. Tomas+

Events Calendar ...

Wed., Sept. 06	7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
	7:30PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
Sat., Sept. 09	4:45PM Rosary – Church

✠ OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:



For the departed soul of
Merv Hanniman+
May his 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. Sacrament of the Sick can be received even if one is not at the point of death. It is not the last Sacrament.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly married couple, **Nina Chung and Anthony Brown** who were **married on August 11**. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

“May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.”

Pastor's Column...

A TRIBUTE OF THE MOST REVEREND MARCEL ANDRE GERVAIS

Marcel Andre Gervais was born in Elie, Manitoba on September 21, 1931. He was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica on May 31, 1958. He furthered his studies in Rome and Jerusalem. From 1978 to 1980 he wrote and edited a course comprising of 40 lessons of the Bible which later was translated into 14 languages. Marcel Gervais was appointed Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie on May 08, 1985. He was appointed as the coadjutor Bishop of Ottawa on May 13, 1989, and became the Archbishop of Ottawa on September 27, 1989.

For over 17 years, Archbishop Gervais served as the Archbishop of Ottawa. He was a spiritual man with a love for scripture. He was a man of goodness and kindness. His decisions were people focused and carefully planned to foster lay participation in the Church. He gave his support to various evangelization groups like NET, CCO, CNEWA etc. The renovation of Notre Dame Cathedral was accomplished under his supervision. He convoked the Diocesan Synod in 1992 in which more than 8000 people participated. Based on the recommendations he made a pastoral plan for the Diocese which gave priority for evangelization movements. He served in many international committees of the Church in different roles. His simplicity and love for the Church made him so approachable and welcoming.

He wrote an excellent commentary of the Gospel of John which is well appreciated by the Pastors. It was another example of his passion for the scriptures.

On May 14, 2007, Archbishop Gervais submitted his resignation to Rome. He chose to retire and stay in Ottawa conducting retreats, pastoral ministries, and writing. Archbishop Gervais entered eternal life on August 06, 2023. May his soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to Emily Kuchciak and Bethany Robert, recipients of the Claretian Student Scholarship award of 250 dollars each for the year 2023. This award is in recognition of the leadership role they play at the parish. We wish them all the best for their future studies.

I also wish to thank our Gardening Team as well as our Decoration Team who make our parish a welcoming place with summer flowers etc. We would appreciate any volunteers who can help our gardening team with trimming, weeding etc.

As we enter into a new academic and pastoral year after the summer holidays, I invite you to join and strengthen our parish ministries. Thank you to all who make the parish a vibrant one.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

HOLY CROSS PARISH FEAST – SEPTEMBER 17 TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS



In preparation for our Feast Day on **Sunday, September 17**, we will celebrate a **Triduum of Masses** on **Wednesday, September 13** (12:15 p.m.) as well as on **Thursday, September 14** and **Friday, September 15** in the evening at 7 p.m. (Please note that the 12:15 Masses on those days will be cancelled. There is no change to the Mass on Wednesday, September 13 at 12:15 pm).

There will be **ADORATION** before the Friday evening Mass on September 15 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Saturday at 5 p.m. ~ Sunday at 8 a.m. ~ Sunday at 10 a.m. FESTIVAL MASS: Everyone is invited to wear red (the liturgical colour of the Feast Day) or traditional dress (symbolizing that Jesus died for all people) to these Masses. There will be a **BLESSING OF CROSSES AT ALL MASSES**, so wear your cross necklaces and bring the crosses you have on the walls of your house.

The **Sunday 10 a.m. FESTIVAL MASS** will conclude with a **procession to the outdoor Cross in front of the Church** (weather permitting) and be followed by a celebration in the parish hall. Bishop Yvan Mathieu will be our celebrant at the Festival Mass. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Parish News and Community Life...

PASTORAL REFERENCES Effective August 01, 2023

Frequently we receive requests for Pastoral Reference Letters from people who are seeking employment within the Catholic school system. Because of the seriousness of these requests, and the rightful expectations of both the parents and the Church, those planning to teach in our Catholic schools should be believers who are genuinely trying to practice and live their faith. Therefore, **BEFORE** requesting a Pastoral Reference, **please ensure the following:**

- You have been a registered member of Holy Cross Parish for **at least 6 months BEFORE** meeting with the Pastor.
- You are truly trying to attend Mass each Sunday.
- You participate in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community.
- You are in good canonical standing within the Church.
- You financially support the work and mission of the Church.

Holy Cross has renewed the FORMED website access for another year: Through FORMED On Demand, you now 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.

PARISH PIG ROAST: Mark your calendars for the Parish's Pig Roast on **Saturday, September 30**. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to everyone. Tickets will be on sale beginning next weekend.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY (ages 3-12) will resume on **Sunday, October 01** during the **10:00 a.m. Mass**. We look forward to seeing all the children as we journey in faith together.

Social Justice...

ELIMU'S ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. Come out to support Elimu's projects in Kenya by buying delicious burgers and sausages and help raise \$8,000 to keep Elimu's Youth Internship program going for another year. Youth Interns gain the digital skills they didn't get in high school and hands on work experience at Elimu Resource Centre for greater success in pursuing their dream careers or starting up their own business. Join Nina Chung, Elimu founder and long-time Holy Cross parishioner in the parish hall at 1 p.m. for a presentation with images from her recent trip to Kenya. She engaged with many alumni from Elimu projects and was thrilled to find them managing their own lives, raising young children, and working in meaningful jobs. Elimu is a registered Canadian charity helping children and youth with education and entrepreneurship. See the Social Justice Bulletin Board for more details or visit www.Elimu.ca.

Other interests ...

If you haven't applied yet to the Encounter School of Ministry - Ottawa Campus, there's an opportunity for you to practically discern - live at St. Mary's Parish (100 Young St.). Join the Orientation evening on Tues. Sept. 05 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm and the first three classes on Sept 12, 19 & 26 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm). Let God speak to your heart through your experience. The application process closes on Mon., Oct. 02. To register go to <https://encounterschool.org/ottawa/>. Info: ottawa@encounterschool.org or call 613-729-8710.

COLLECTION REPORT

30 July 2023 – \$2,489.00 (env) / \$542.19 (loose)
06 August 2023 – \$3,493.00 (env) / \$761.50 (loose)
13 August 2023 – \$2,900.00 (env) / \$515.00 (loose)
20 August 2023 – \$2,405.00 (env) / \$561.25 (loose)
27 August 2023 – \$2,856.25 (env) / \$512.75 (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

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.