



TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS- 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life."***



Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 16	5:00PM Mass – Diogene Théard+
Sun., Sept. 17	TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS 8:00AM Mass – Katie Nagy (lvg) In Thanksgiving 10:00AM FESTIVAL MASS
Wed., Sept. 20	12:15PM Mass – Harry Goldsmith+
Thurs., Sept. 21	12:15PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
Fri., Sept. 22	11:30AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Renee Gardner+ Danielle Sicard+ Oscar & Alfred Bangit+ Anthony Robertazzi and Colleen Nevison (lvg)
Sat., Sept. 23	5:00PM Mass – Telesphore Flansberry+
Sun., Sept. 24	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Danielle Sicard+ Hamilton Sequeira+ Adelaida Marcaida & Family+

Events Calendar ...

Wed., Sept. 20	7:00PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church 7:00PM K of Columbus general mtg. 7:00PM St. Vincent de Paul mtg.
Thurs., Sept. 21	1:00PM Club 55 – Hall 7:00PM Faith Study – Hall 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council mtg.
Fri., Sept. 22	10:00AM Faith Study – Rm A / Library
Sat., Sept. 23	11:00AM Elimu BBQ Fundraiser – Hall 4:40PM Rosary – Church

Pastor's Column...

A SYMBOL OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

The cross is the symbol of which Christians show their faith. Yet, for three centuries, they intentionally did not use the cross as a symbol of their faith. They were recognized in other symbols—the anchor, the fish, the loaves, the dove, the shepherd—but they were reluctant to depict the cross. It evoked the infamous death of their Master, death reserved for slaves and brigands, and that was one of the reasons they were ridiculed by the pagans.

Around 180 A.D., the polemicist Celsus—who knew the mythological stories in which the gods always appeared beautiful and clothed in splendor—objected to the Christians: 'If the spirit of God became incarnate in a man, he must at least have excelled among all in build, beauty, strength, majesty, voice, and eloquence. Instead, Jesus had nothing more than the others. He was an overstrained wanderer; he is seen stunned, bewildered, traveled through the country in the midst of publicans and sailors of ill repute. We know how he ended; we recognize the defection of his disciples, the condemnation, the abuse, the insults, the sufferings of his torture ... and his scream from the top of the scaffold before expiring.'

"We proclaim a crucified Messiah. For the Jews, what a great scandal! And for the Greeks, what nonsense!"—wrote Paul (1 Cor 1:23). But the Christians were reluctant to translate this truth into a symbol.

An exact date marks the transition to the worship of the cross: on September 14, 335 A.D., a huge crowd of pilgrims flocked from all over the world in Jerusalem. They celebrated the feast of the dedication of the basilica built by Constantine on the site of the holy sepulcher.

On the rock of Calvary, the crowd placed a wonderful jeweled cross to mark the place of Christ's death. On that day, the cross became a Christian symbol par excellence.

Today's feast wants to remind us of the true meaning of the cross. For seventeen centuries, the Christian community loved this symbol but did not idolize it. They are aware that the showing of crosses does not make a society Christian, but the life of Christians does. They are 'crucified' and persecuted because they refuse to idolize money and power and become peacemakers.

"May whoever who meet a Christian always see in him the Crucified One willing to offer his life."



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.

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.

Thanks to Bishop Yvan Mathieu for presiding over the Mass. My gratitude to all our volunteers for making this celebration truly a Parish Feast Day.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

Parish News and Community Life...



CLUB 55: The next gathering of Club 55 will be held **this Thursday, September 21**, following the 12:15 PM Mass. As we mark the first day of autumn, come and enjoy a “**Soup & Sandwich**” themed lunch, which will

feature 2 homemade soups, hearty sandwiches, chips, and a delicious dessert. We hope to see you there!

PARISH PIG ROAST: Buy your tickets for the **PARISH PIG**



ROAST held on Saturday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to everyone. Tickets are on sale at the back of the Church after weekend Masses or by calling Joe Goski at 613-294 6524. The cost is \$25 for adults, and free for children younger than 13.

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.

Social Justice...

ELIMU ANNUAL CHARITY BBQ—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 from 11 am – 3 pm in the Parish Hall. Join Nina Chung, Elimu founder and Holy Cross parishioner at 1 p.m. for a presentation with stories and images from her recent trip to Kenya. Help raise \$8,000 to keep their Youth Interns Program going this fall—it guides impoverished youth after high school with skills and work experience to help them find their way towards future studies, work, and entrepreneurship. Please see the Social Justice Bulletin Board near the main entrance for more details or visit www.Elimu.ca.

Other Interests...

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL has pledged \$1.2 million towards the Canadian Bishops \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This year's collection in the parishes is the weekend of November 04/05. The fundraising campaign will kick off September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

ST. BERNARD YOUTH ANIMATION: The St. Bernard Children/Youth ministry is pleased to announce the beginning of our youth group which will welcome young people from ages 11 - 18. The aim of the group is to promote community, support, and learning through different social activities and volunteer initiatives that will take place within and outside our parish community. Our group began on September 09 from 7 pm to 9 pm and will meet every 2 weeks. For info email stbernardchildrenyouthministry@gmail.com.

ALPHA EXPERIENCE AT ST MARY'S: Come and explore the big questions of life, meaning, and faith through the Alpha Film Series. Mondays, Starting September 25 from 7-9 p.m. and ends December 11 at St Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. Access via parking lot. For information and registration, please go to

<https://tinyurl.com/stmarysalph>. Alpha is free, the experience priceless! Refreshments will be served.

COLLECTION REPORT

10 September 2023 – \$2,785.00 (env) / \$542.20 (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.

PLEASE NOTE: We thank all parishioners who have been requesting Mass Intentions. Unfortunately we cannot accept e-transfers for Mass Intentions as it affects our accounting system. E-transfers are for donations only. Please contact the parish office when requesting a Mass Intention. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



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.