



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 01 OCTOBER 2023

“For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him...and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 30	5:00PM Mass – Paul Lafleche+
Sun., Oct. 01	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Gerelie Pacis (Ivg)
	Paul Obidike (Ivg)
	Frank, Joseph & Frank Jr. Tomas+
Wed., Oct. 04	12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving
Thurs., Oct. 05	12:15PM Mass – Kenneth Burgess+
Fri., Oct. 06	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon
	12:15PM Mass
Sat., Oct. 07	5:00PM Mass – Raymond Beauchamp+
Sun., Oct. 01	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Julieta & Pablo Padua (Ivg)

Events Calendar ...

Wed., Oct. 04	7:00PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
	7:00PM K of C Executive mtg.
Thurs., Oct. 05	7:00PM Faith Study – Hall
Fri., Oct. 06	9:30AM Faith Study – Rm A / Library
Sat., Oct. 07	4:40PM Rosary – Church



HOLY ROSARY: The month of October is traditionally celebrated as the month of the Holy Rosary. Please note that the Rosary is recited before each of our weekday Masses, Wednesdays thru to Fridays at 11:45 a.m. as well as before the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass at 4:40 p.m.

A family that prayer the Rosary stays together. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

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.



MISSION APPEAL FOR THE CLARETIAN MISSIONS IN INDIA—October 14/15 & October 21/22 at all the Masses. To help support the Claretian Missions in India, the Religious Order of Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal

CMF, special envelopes will be placed in the pews. This year's donations will go to support the various Missionary activities of the Claretian Missions in East Africa of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Please make your **cheques payable to Holy Cross Parish**.

Pastor's Column...

OBEY OR PRETEND: SPIRITUALITY OF COMMITMENT

Last Sunday, we reflected on how Jesus challenged the Pharisees in their understanding of God's Mercy, Justice, and Love. He shocked them with the parable of a landowner who rewarded first the workers who came to work at the last hour in preference to the workers who worked for 12 hours. A real shock and unfair justice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is also pushing his disciples who are confused and beginning to be afraid to be with Jesus on where they stand and why. He tells the parable of the two sons: the first says "I will obey" but doesn't and the other says "I won't obey" but does. Which one did the father's will? They don't want to answer but have to acknowledge that actions speak louder than words of religion or pious devotion or practice. Jesus assures them solemnly that the prostitutes, tax collectors and public sinners whom they despise are getting into the kingdom of God before they are! Does it shock us? Do we listen and say "I will go" but we don't? Have we heard the word and converted our life?

As we come back from our summer holidays, keep in mind that our Baptism calls us to obey our Baptismal promises in action. It is more of a commitment in fostering our faith in Christ and in His Church rather than mere obedience to obligations. How often we forget the fact that we made a "yes" promise to follow Christ in word and deed.

One of the areas we need commitment is the catechism of our children. We need more involvement of the parents to continue the ministry towards the little ones. It implies both personal and communitarian efforts. While appreciating the commitment of the Children's Liturgy leaders, we need more volunteers to make it more effective. If you can be part of this ministry, please contact one of the leaders.

October is the month we show our love for our heavenly mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. I invite you to recite the Rosary on Saturday before the evening Mass as well as before the weekday Masses. Please, create an atmosphere of prayer during the Rosary. You are also welcome to bring flowers to decorate the statue of our Blessed Mother in the Church.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

Parish News and Community Life...

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PREPARATION FOR THE



SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ, to give Grace within the Church. Children who have been initiated into the

Catholic Church through the first Sacrament of Baptism are called to continue their faith journey by participating in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are asked to attend the **PARENT MEETING** on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.** **Before** the Parent Meeting parents are required to do the following:

- Those children **WHO ATTEND Holy Cross and Holy Family School** have already received a letter from the parish as well as the registration and a Acknowledgment Form. You are asked to complete these documents and include a copy of your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate and have your child hand these documents back to their teacher **no later** than **October 09.**
- For those parents whose child(ren) **DO NOT ATTEND Holy Cross or Holy Family School** are asked to contact the parish office (613-731-7834) as soon as possible to make arrangements in obtaining the proper documents so you can bring them back to the Parish office **no later than October 12.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** We will **not be accepting** Registration / Acknowledgement forms and/or Baptismal Certificates on the evening of the parent meeting so please be sure to hand your documents to your **child's teacher** (if they attend Holy Cross / Holy Family School) or to the **Parish office** (if they attend another school) **by the required date.**

Please note that **the Parent Meeting is MANDATORY** if you would like your child(ren) to receive the sacrament of **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation.** If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 613-731-7834.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL – Save the Date – Special Collection November 04/05: In the fall of 2021, Canada's Bishops set up a \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. A *Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing* is the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's campaign to raise the \$1.2 million that we have pledged to the IRF. The money raised goes to support projects such as the 23rd Annual Ottawa Indigenous Children and Youth Pow Wow held March 25. Pow Wows are important Indigenous gatherings where multiple generations come together to enjoy food, honour traditions, forge a sense of community and practice spiritual healing. Learn more by going to www.journeyforhealing.ca

CELEBRATING CLUB 55+ -- 10TH ANNIVERSARY! Come and enjoy a delicious Italian-themed catered lunch for only \$10. There will be lots of surprises planned, wine, music, special decor, and door prizes, etc. Join your friends after the 12:15 noon Mass in the parish hall and be part of the fun! You will receive an email invitation soon asking you to reserve your seat as this is a catered, we need to give exact numbers attending to ensure sufficient food is prepared. See you there.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **HARVEST BAKE AND CRAFT SALE** will be held on weekend of **November 04/05** in the parish hall after all Masses. More details to follow soon. If you are interested in a table, contact Jackie Yost (613-762-0472)

Other Interests . . .

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: Ottawa joins 17 other Canadian cities and hundreds of locations throughout the world as we unite in one common effort to pray, fast and sacrifice for 40 consecutive days, for an end to abortion.

Mid-point Rally: Sunday, October 15, at vigil site at 4 pm.

Closing Rally: Sunday, November 05, at vigil site at 6 pm (followed by procession from the Vigil site to St. Patrick's.) 100,000 babies die through the abortion process. This is a real tragedy for our country and as people of faith we must stand together to assert the humanity of the unborn child. We welcome your participation. Please contact us at 613-299-2515 or wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca for more information.

COLLECTION REPORT

24 September 2023 – \$3,096.00 (env) / \$494.95 (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

Food For Thought ✝

"From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone." (St. John Paul II)