



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19 NOVEMBER 2023

***“For to all those who have, more will be given
...but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”***

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Nov. 18	5:00PM Mass – Irena & Jan Swiatek+ René & Eileen Savoie+
Sun., Nov. 19	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Garry Brown+ Barb Hennig+ Arnold Gleason+ Don Kearns+ Antonio & Francisca+
Wed., Nov. 22	12:15PM Mass – Roger & Gerta Patry+
Thurs., Nov. 23	12:15PM Mass– Priests of the SMOP Mothers
Fri., Nov. 24	11:30AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+ Lousiette Marquis+
Sat., Nov. 25	5:00PM Mass – Bernard Dunning+
Sun., Nov. 26	OUR LORD, CHRIST THE KING 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM FAMILY MASS Vivian Braganza+ John Gleason+ Catherine Stewart+ Rity & Petrona Charles+ Sylvester Akujobi (lvg)

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Nov. 18	4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Nov. 19	10:00AM Children's Liturgy
Tues., Nov. 21	9:30AM Faith Study – Rm. C 2:00PM Music Ministry meeting
Wed., Nov. 22	9:30AM Faith Study – Rm. A 7:00PM Choir practice – Church 7:00PM Choir practice – Rm. A 7:00PM Faith Study – Library
Thurs., Nov. 23	1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
Sat., Nov. 24	4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Nov. 25	Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses

Deacon's Message...

As many of you know, I was recently assigned to Holy Cross Parish by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse to serve as your deacon. I have accepted this appointment with humility and with great joy in thanksgiving to God! I would also like to thank Fr. Lukose and you, the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish, for your warm welcome, kindness and hospitality.

I was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Pembroke in 2018 and have served as a Permanent Deacon in the parishes of St. John Chrysostom in Arnprior and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Braeside. In consultation with my Bishop, Guy Desrochers, I was given permission to pursue an opportunity to serve in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. In assessing the needs of parishes in the Ottawa area, the Archbishop put me in touch with Fr. Lukose who was excited for us to work together in the many ministries at Holy Cross Parish.

While I have lived in the Arnprior area with my wife, Anne, for almost 40 years, I am no stranger to the Ottawa area. In my youth, my home parish was Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Vanier, where Anne and I were married 45 years ago. For several years, we belonged to Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Woodroffe Ave. where I was the organist and choir director. I worked for E.B. Eddy Paper Company and Domtar Paper for 32 years and I took advantage of an opportunity for early retirement, and I began a period of discernment for the diaconate. In 2011, Anne & I walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. During those 37 days of walking, we prayed and asked for the wisdom and guidance as to whether I was to pursue the vocation of deacon. During four years of discernment and formation, Anne & I travelled to the Ottawa Diocesan Centre on Kilborn Ave. each week for classes and training. It was during this period that I met Deacon Bob Birch, who was one of my instructors, and he became a friend and mentor. At the same time, I was involved in ministry at the Ottawa Mission, the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre and at St. Patrick's Home. My calling to the diaconate was affirmed by the Church and I was ordained in Pembroke on July 7, 2018.

Anne and I have 4 grown children and 13 grandchildren. We reside in Braeside (just west of Arnprior).

I pray that our time together as the People of God will be fruitful and that we will share many years working together in the Lord's Vineyard.

God bless you.

Deacon Chris Barrett



✠ OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:

For the departed souls of
Florence Brown+
Maureen Cuddihey+

May their soul rest in peace.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **PARISH ADVENT MISSION** will be held on **Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14** at 7 p.m. Our guest speakers are Sr. Philomena and Sr. Rose Clare from the Queenship of Mary. Our **PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm.

Pastor's Column...

WASTED TALENTS

This Sunday's parable of talents calls us to check our unused God's gift of faith and grace. Please note that the master did not give equal or the same talents to each of his servants. The master knew the strength and potential of each of his servants before he went away. This is why on his return, the master's expectation from his servants was not the same as long as they took a risk of trading it without fear. "For all those who have more will be given, and they will have abundance: but those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken away". It is disappointing to see at times how people with a lot of potential simply refuse to use their gifts, citing, petty excuses. Do we realize that how much of our treasures of hope, charity and love are buried, presuming that the Lord is a harsh master. Once again, my sincere appreciation to all those who are generously giving your talents and gifts at the service of our faith community. We need more volunteers to our existing ministries.

God bless,
Fr. Lukose CMF

Parish News and Community Life...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There was a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, October 23 for parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. If you missed registering your child, you are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. **We will not be accepting registration after December 11.** After that date children will have to wait until the following year or attend another parish for the Sacrament.



ADVENT WREATHS: On the First Sunday of Advent (**December 02/03**) there will be a special blessing at all the Masses for Advent wreaths. The Hospitality Committee will be selling Advent candles (\$8/per set) after the Masses starting this weekend, November 18/19 as well as on November 26/27 and December 02/03.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Beginning on the weekend of November 25/26 there will be special envelopes placed in the pews for donations towards our **Christmas flowers**.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Altar Servers are now being trained. They will be working in pairs. All children who have received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation are welcome. If your child is interested, please filled out the sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the Church.

We are selling **2024 SUNDAY MISSALS**. The cost is \$5.00 each and they can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please put your money in the box provided on the table.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God through the Church. The candidates' journey of faith with the community leads to the sacraments of baptism and/or confirmation and communion for the first time in the celebration of the Eucharist. If you are interested in joining RCIA please call the parish office 613-731-7834.

Social Justice...

THE HERON EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE is in need of egg cartons. Please bring your empty egg cartons to weekend Masses and place them in the Food Bank bin at the front door of the Church.

TOQUES, MITTS and SCARVES were collected in a large quantity for Debra Dynes Community. They are 'so very much needed'. To everyone at Holy Cross Parish who contributed something new, gently used, cash or a gift card, a huge thank you! Well done. In late October, the Soupalcious dinner fundraiser held in support of Debra Dynes was a great success. Thanks to all who supported this initiative. 2023 has been a tough year in Debra Dynes Community and the help provided by Holy Cross Parish has made a positive difference.

Other interests ...

ST AUGUSTINE PARISH MISSION—CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF FAITH: Join us on **Tuesday, November 28, Thursday, November 29 and Friday, December 01.** Each evening will begin at **7 p.m.** Fr. Patrick Beneteau will explore some reflections on our journey towards Advent. "Prepare for His coming." Friday evening will conclude with a celebratory Eucharistic marking the 70th year of our first Mass which took place on December 01, 1953.

COLLECTION REPORT

12 November 2023 – \$2,779.00 (env) / \$549.70 (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.

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.

Food For Thought ✝

"Live today as if you are going to die tomorrow and learn more as if you are going to live forever." (Mohandas Gandhi)