



CHRIST THE KING – 26 NOVEMBER 2023

*“Truly I tell you,
just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.”*

Announced Mass intentions

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| 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+ |
| Wed., Nov. 29 | 12:15PM Mass–Zimmerling & Patry Family+ |
| Thurs., Nov. 30 | 12:15PM Mass– Trish Brighton+ Patricia Patacairk (lvg) |
| Fri., Dec. 01 | FIRST FRIDAY 11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass – Denis Ch telain (lvg) |
| Sat., Dec. 02 | 5:00PM Mass – Chang Kam Sue+ |
| Sun., Dec. 03 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass – Cam Johnson+ Roland Hilaire+ Eldon Jones+ Trish Brighton+ Cecil Roy+ |

Events Calendar ...

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| Sat., Nov. 25 | 4:40PM Rosary – Church |
| Sun., Nov. 26 | Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses |
| Wed., Nov. 29 | 7:00PM Choir practice – Church 7:00PM Choir practice – Rm. A 7:00PM Faith Study – Library |
| Thurs., Nov. 30 | 9:30AM Faith Study – Rm C. |
| Sat., Dec. 02 | 4:40PM Rosary – Church |

Deacon's Message...

Each year the Church gives us a different aspect or feature to consider on this great feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This year the well-known and beloved passage from St. Matthew's Gospel (Mt. 25.31-46) is proclaimed. The scene that Jesus describes to his disciples is the Great Judgement, the end of the world, and as we say in the Nicene Creed: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end". Jesus identifies himself especially in the poor, the suffering, the weak, the small and the most vulnerable members of society. God has called each of us to care for those around us particularly those who are in need. St. Mother Teresa committed herself to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It's St. Mother Teresa who taught with great conviction and love that Jesus wants us to be a servant to all, especially to the poor. She summed up this Sunday's Gospel passage in five words: YOU DID IT TO ME. "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in". St. Mother Teresa.

God bless you.
Deacon Chris Barrett

Parish News and Community Life...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **PARISH ADVENT MISSION – PREPARE THE WAY WITH MARY:** Our guest speakers are Sister Philomena and Sister Rose Clare from the Queenship of Mary. Join us on **Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14.** Mass at 6:30 pm followed by the Mission at 7 p.m. Our **PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on the last day of the Mission, Thursday, December 14.

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.



NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 02/03 IS ADVENT. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ADVENT WREATHS: There will be a special blessing of Advent wreaths at the beginning of all Masses. Be sure to place your wreaths in front of the Altar before Mass begins. The Hospitality Committee will be selling Advent candles after all Masses next weekend December 02/03.





COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME: *"What will . . . save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament . . . will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."* (Saint Mother Teresa). We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month from **11:00 a.m. until 12 noon**. You are encouraged to spend time in adoration with our Lord. This is a beautiful opportunity for prayer and contemplation.



ROSARY: All are invited to join us a half an hour before our weekday Masses for the Rosary (and at 4:40 pm on Saturdays before our 5 pm Mass) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays.

Offering Envelopes



2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. For parishioners who do not have envelopes, please call the parish office and an envelope will be assigned to you the following week. If you would like to support the parish through pre-Authorized payments, complete the forms found next to the Offertory Envelopes and drop it off to the office. Starting in January when you begin using your **Initial 2024 Offertory Envelopes**, please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts. **We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2023.**

DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be special envelopes in the pews as well as on the tables at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Christmas flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your name and address or envelope number. You are also welcome to bring Christmas flowers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent to the Church.

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.

Social Justice...

CLUB 55'S WARM CLOTHING COLLECTION will take place December 16/17. Your gently used winter clothing, in kids, and adult sizes, will be collected before all three Masses. They'll be given to children in our local schools as well as the Banff Ledbury Community Centre. Please place your clothing in the bins provided outside the Church entrance doors. Do not leave any clothing in the Church.

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.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU! With joyful hearts, we thank all parishioners who supported the poor last weekend with donations for the World Day of the Poor. Your generosity brings groceries to so many families starting now and particularly for Christmas. It is humbling to know the heartfelt support our volunteers have in the community of Holy Cross. As we go out into our communities to support, please keep our Society and its work in your prayers. God bless you and your families for believing in our work.

COLLECTION REPORT

19 November 2023 – \$2,448.00 (env) / \$690.25 (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 to support 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.

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.

Food For Thought ✝

"If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit – this prayer has never failed me." -- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta