



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 25 MAY 2025



***“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”***

### ***Announced Mass intentions***

Sat., May 24	5:00PM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., May 25	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:00AM Mass: +Trudy & +Ron Toivonen 10:00AM Mass: +Barb Hennig +Wayne McHale Intentions of Marlene Braganza
Wed., May 28	12:15PM Mass: +Nantino & +Loreta DiVito
Thurs., May 29	12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Nicole Eberley Intentions of Christina Chung
Fri., May 30	11:00AM <b>ADORATION</b> until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Fr. Dominic Dilip Jose +Oswald & +Kay Muldoon +Edward & +Ellen Monaghan
Sat., May 31	5:00PM Mass: In Thanksgiving +Fesseha Fre & +Zafu Kuflu +Shirley Chatelaine
Sun., June 01	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> 8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM <b>FAMILY MASS</b> +Tim Dooling +Richard Whalen

### ***Events Calendar ...***

Sat., May 24	4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., May 25	10:00AM <b>SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b> – Church
Wed., May 28	6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
Sat., May 31	4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., June 01	11:00AM Baptism – Church 1:00PM Pilgrimage group reunion – Hall

**ATTENDANCE AT THE MASSES WEEKEND OF MAY 10/11**  
5 pm – 94 / 8 am - 112 / 10 am – 411

**THE MINISTRY OF THE PRIEST** proceeds directly from Christ. Only secondarily does the priest speak in the name of The Church. There is only one priesthood, that of Christ, the High Priest. Both the baptized and the ordained share in the same priesthood of Christ but in different degrees.

**ACCORDING TO VATICAN STATISTICS**, there are close to 600,000 professed women religious in the Catholic Church. The number of religious-order priests is about 128,500 and the number of religious brothers is close to 50,000. There are 407,730 Diocesan priests worldwide.

### ***Words from the Pastor . . .***

**This letter was received on 11 February 2025.**

Dear Msgr. Joseph Muldoon,  
I just received your voluntary offer of resignation as pastor because you have reached the age of 75 in a letter dated 8 January 2025. In the letter you offered to continue your current responsibilities at Holy Cross Parish. You have been pastor at Holy Cross since 2024. I appreciate your efforts in the parish. As the Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, I hereby accept your resignation which will be promulgated at a later date. Until that time, I wish you to continue as pastor of Holy Cross Parish...

Yours fraternally in Christ,  
Marcel Dampousse  
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall.

### **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS—MAY 25**

This collection provides opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid . . . The old questions always return: *'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and see a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?'* (1 Jn 3:17) -- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 187

*"The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God."*

Revelation keeps our feet firmly rooted in our present struggles to live the Christian life; but it also focuses our eyes on what is to come. The world's indomitable powers, despite present appearances, will be overcome. In the meanwhile, John is inviting us to turn away from the false values and powers of the world and focus on the vision of the new Holy City where we will dwell with God and one another. How does our hope in a permanent future with God affect our lives now? What signs do I see that strengthen my hope in the power of good over evil?

God's love, mercy and goodness lie at the foundation of every vocation, including that of the pope. Pope Leo XIV said. "Let us ask the Lord for the grace to cultivate and spread his charity and to become true neighbors to one another," he said,

paraphrasing his predecessor, Pope Francis, in a homily at Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls May 20.

**WELCOME** to our children receiving First Communion today and for a lifelong faith journey.

The **CLOISTERED CARMELITE SISTERS** from Pennsylvania have opened a Convent in Almonte and **would appreciate** all **non-perishable food items**. To donate please call the parish office at 613-731-7834. They are open to receive visitors daily from 9 - 11 am and 3 - 5 pm (274 Strathburn, St., Almonte).

**SEPTEMBER 19-21 JUBILEE HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE** to Ste. Anne de Beaupre and St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal. 2 nights Best Western Plus, Quebec, Hyatt downtown Montreal, Breakfasts included. Other meals on your own. Cost: \$585 per person base on double occupancy, including taxes. Early registration advised. After June 16 add \$150 per person. There are **ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT**. Contact: Dennis Kam at JBCtravel.ca or Dennis@jbctravel.ca.

The Group Reunion for our historic 'Pilgrimage of Hope' journey is **Sunday, June 01, at 1:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Do you know the name Pavlov? Answer . . . It rings a bell. What's a pastor's favourite city? Answer in next weeks bulletin.

**BEST WISHES** and prayers, for health and peace for Christina Chung, celebrating her 90th birthday.

**SOARING TOGETHER GRIEF GROUP:** A Journey for Teens (age 13-18) to heal, honor, and find connection after loss. This five-week virtual support group offers a safe, small-group setting (limited to eight participants) where teens can connect with peers to understand their grief. Meeting every Monday night in June from 7 pm to 8 pm, the sessions combine therapeutic activities and guided discussions on key topics, including remembrance, expressing anger, and honoring their sibling's legacy. Through this program, teens will find a compassionate community, healthy outlets for emotions, and tools for healing—all while discovering they're not alone in their journey. Info: 613-738-5025.

**PASTORAL REFERENCES:** Please see our website for the protocols for requesting a Pastoral Reference.

**PARISH PLANNING FOR 2026:** Parents who plan to have their child receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Spring of 2026 are asked to pre-register by contacting the Parish Office by either calling at 613-731-7834 or sending an email to [office@holycrossparish.com](mailto:office@holycrossparish.com). **Please note** that this is only for pre-registering, as parents will have to officially register in the fall.

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**I asked for Strength.....**

**And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.**

**I asked for Wisdom.....**

**And God gave me Problems to solve.**

**I asked for Prosperity.....**

**And God gave me Brain & Brawn to work.**

**I asked for Courage.....**

**And God gave me Danger to overcome.**

**I asked for Love.....**

**And God gave me Troubled people to help.**

**I asked for Favors.....**

**And God gave me Opportunities.**

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## *Parish News and Community Life...*



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NOTICE TO PARENTS**

For parents of children who are already registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the **FOURTH PREPARATION SESSION** will be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 07 at 10 am** and the **FIFTH SESSION** will be held on **TUESDAY, JUNE 17 at 6:30 pm**.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: ELECTIONS** to fill **four positions** on Parish Pastoral Council will be held on June 15. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Rd. entrance and must be submitted **no later than June 01**. The nomination forms should include a picture and a statement as to what they would wish to contribute to the PPC. Info: Greg Yost at 613-521-2607.

### **PARISHIONERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARISH**



**STEAK & AWARDS BBQ** hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Saturday, June 14 at 6 p.m.** in the parish hall. Tickets will be available at the back of the Church after weekend Masses until of June 07/08. The cost per ticket is \$30 each. All are welcome to attend.

## *Social Justice...*

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES:** In your generosity please bring canned soups, pasta sauce, rice and school snacks for the food banks. Please place your items in the Food Bank bin at the front entrance to the Church.

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### **COLLECTION REPORT**

**18 May 2025 – \$2,762.00 (env) / \$885.45 (loose)**

**~ THANK YOU for your generosity and support ~**

**YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Our Parish is operated only by your donations! By bringing your offertory envelopes or making your pre-authorized offertory gift (PAP), you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. May God bless you!!

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](mailto: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.

If you are using **ENVELOPE NUMBER 327** from year 2019, please call the parish office. Thank you.

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