



CHRIST THE KING – 23 NOVEMBER 2025

**“...‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’
Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’”**

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Nov. 22	4:40PM Rosary - Church 5:00PM Mass: Souls in Purgatory
Sun., Nov. 23	CHRIST THE KING 8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass: +Vivian Braganza
Wed., Nov. 26	12:15PM Mass: +Marthe Thibault
Thurs., Nov. 27	12:15PM Mass: +Tony & +Jenny Costanza
Fri., Nov. 28	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass: +Lise & +Jacqueline Roy
Sat., Nov. 29	5:00PM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00AM Mass: +Cam Johnson 10:00AM FAMILY MASS +Rity Charles

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Nov. 22	11:00AM FUNERAL for +George Acres 4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Nov. 23	10:00AM Children’s Liturgy PANCAKE BREAKFAST after all morning Masses
Tues., Nov. 25	10:00AM Mass for Holy Family School
Wed., Nov. 26	1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A 6:30PM Choir Practice – Church 6:30PM Action Life AGM meeting – Hall
Thurs., Nov. 27	1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
Fri., Nov. 28	1:00PM Faith Study
Sat., Nov. 29	10:00AM Hospitality meeting – Hall 4:40PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Nov. 30	10:00AM NO Children’s Liturgy 10:00AM ENROLMENT / WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 11:00AM Baptisms – Church 11:00AM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH – held in parish hall ADVENT FOOD DRIVE – after all Masses ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION – after all Masses

Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH** after the 10 am Mass on **Sunday, November 30**. If you were registered for the dinner that was cancelled, there is nothing for you to do. To get accurate numbers for KS on the Keys, please contact Greg Yost at gregyost@rogers.com / 613-521-2607 if you weren't coming before but would come at this time. Conversely, if you were coming but can't come on the 30th also advise Greg.

Words from the Pastor . . .

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God...” Above Jesus there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Jesus, the king, is showing us a power from the cross in contrast to what the world reckons as power and rule. His power is not exerted by force over us, but by inviting us to become one with him. He is offering himself to us in a relationship that is strong, even when it appears weak. Can you name two or three powers that lay claim to the hearts of people in the world? What powers compete with Jesus’ rule within our church? Within ourselves?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All are welcome to our **‘ADVENT WAITING WITH MARY’** reflection on **Thursday, December 04 at 7 pm** (in the Church) with Fr. Mark Augustine (Archdiocese of Chicago)

POPE LEO has announced the opening of a new outpatient clinic in the Vatican to serve the poor of Rome.

ANNE HURLEY has informed me and the Choir that she will retire from Music Ministry and as Director at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, effective in January. The Holy Cross Community wishes to thank Anne for her many years of dedication to our Music Ministry.

CLOISTERED CARMELITE SISTERS IN ALMONTE: They are very grateful for all the donation they have received. They would appreciate receiving used Candles of any size, Murphy’s Oil for wood floors, printing paper (8”x11” letter size) and Bakers Chocolate (square) and Chocolate Chips. Please leave them at the Church entrance and put “For the Carmelite Sisters”. Thank you!

For our **ADVENT PROJECT** we are collecting men’s and women’s toiletries for those in need. Please leave them in the box at the Church entrance.



APRIL 2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE to Dublin, Ireland, including Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Edinburgh, Scotland as well as visiting St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, for Mass, Titanic Museum Belfast, Early

Christian site, Iona Island Abbey, St. Columba’s Shrine, St Oran’s Chapel, Scotland with Spiritual Leader Monsignor Joseph Muldoon. Scheduled Masses in Shrines, Private Tour bus, ferry, local guides. Limited numbers: minimum 26. Many people attended the meeting for Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland Catholic Pilgrimage, April 2026. Deadline: January 08, 2026. To register, please contact Dennis Kam at JBCTravel.ca or 613-569-3888.

Parish News and Community Life...

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Beginning on this weekend November 22/23 there will be special envelopes placed in the pews for donations towards our **Christmas flowers**.

CONFIRMATION: Parents whose children are registered for the Sacrament, we invite you and your child to the **WELCOMING (Enrolment) CEREMONY on Sunday, November 30 at the 10 a.m. Mass**. Please arrive **20 minutes before Mass begins** to sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church.



ADVENT WREATHS: On the First Sunday of Advent (November 29/30) there will be a special blessing at all the Masses for Advent wreaths. The Hospitality Committee will be selling Advent Candles (\$10 per set) this weekend November 22/23 as well as next weekend November 29/30.

CLUB 55: Join us this coming **Thursday, November 27** following the 12:15 pm Mass. The theme for lunch will be an **"International Potluck."** We invite you to bring a Main Dish, Salad, Side Dish, or Dessert that will serve 6-8 people. There will be no charge for lunch if you bring something to share, otherwise the cost will be \$10 per person. See you there!

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are selling Cash calendars to raise funds for their charitable works. There are 353 daily draws for 450, 10 monthly draws of \$200, \$550 in June and \$1,000 in December for a total of \$21,200. To get your calendars contact Greg Yost at gregyost@rogers.com or 613-521-2607.

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 07: On the second Sunday of Advent, Hospitality will be having their **ANNUAL SHORTBREAD SUNDAY** after the morning Masses. We will be making lots so there will be shortbread available for purchase. For the Saturday Mass we will be selling shortbread in the Narthex.

Social Justice ...

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE will be held next weekend **November 29/30**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, cash, cheques and/or gift cards to the designated areas outside the Church before all Masses on those days. They will be delivered to all 5 of our local Food Banks. Cheques should be made out to one of our local Food Banks: *Banff Avenue Community House, Debra Dynes Family House, Heron Emergency Food Centre, Pavilion Food Bank or Brookfield Community Food Cupboard*. Please ensure that your food donations are not past the Best Before Date and that no donations are left inside the Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S BUNDLE SUNDAY: Next weekend November 29/30, the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL truck will be parked at Holy Cross to receive donations of clean, used clothing, small appliances and small furniture. You can bring them to Mass and volunteers will be there to receive your donations.

ACTION LIFE OTTAWA, A PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION, invites you to its Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will present "No to Euthanasia for Mental Illness"—an important update on Canada's evolving euthanasia laws.

Other interests ...

34TH ANNUAL IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT: All are welcome on **Sunday, December 07 at 3 pm** (doors open at 2:15 pm) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (1758 Alta Vista Dr.). This event will feature local musical groups: the Grand Choeur De La Salle / Ensemble vocal 8e du CEO (De La Salle), the Harmonia Choir of Ottawa / Ottawa Boys Choir, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Choir / St. Margaret's Vanier Church Choir accompanied by the Divertimento Orchestra. They will be joined by tenor soloist Zachary Rubens, for special tributes to the musical season. This Concert is held in support of the Heron Emergency Food Centre (HEFC). Admission is FREE. There will be collection baskets for voluntary monetary donations (cheque or cash). It's a joyous way to help those in need in our community.

COLLECTION REPORT

16 November 2025 – \$4,592.15 (env) / \$471.45 (loose)

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

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH
by donating an affordable amount.
Every donation helps! **THANK YOU!**

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

PLEASE 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 for tax receipts.



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; 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.