



# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 07 DECEMBER 2025

*I baptize you with water;  
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*



## Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Dec. 06 5:00PM Mass: +Madelyn Scanlan
- Sun., Dec. 07 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass: +Catherine Maheral  
+Fesseha Fre & +Zafu Kufu  
+Thelma Lagera
- Wed., Dec. 10 12:15PM Mass: Souls in Purgatory  
+Gardner & +Thibault Families
- Thurs., Dec. 11 12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Luigi Mysak
- Fri., Dec. 12 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Patricia Patacairk
- Sat., Dec. 13 5:00PM Mass: +Barbara Bailey  
+Gerald Watson
- Sun., Dec. 14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00AM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass: +Adelaida Marcaida  
Souls in Purgatory

## Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Dec. 06 10:00AM Hospitality – Hall  
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 07 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy  
**COFFEE SUNDAY** – after all morning Masses
- Wed., Dec. 10 1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A  
6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 11 1:00PM Club 55 – Hall  
7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council meeting
- Fri., Dec. 12 1:00PM Faith Study
- Sat., Dec. 13 4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 14 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy  
Knights of Columbus distributing **Creche figurines**  
to all the Children at all weekend Masses

## Words from the Pastor . . .

*“On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”*

Isaiah’s image of a stump might well describe the condition of our world today. The news this morning reported that 30,000 women and children have been killed in Gaza, and 1.2 million Gazans have become refugees. The “stump” could also describe some part of our own lives – the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, declining health, a broken relationship. A stump is something cut down, lifeless, and seemingly beyond renewal. Where in my life, or community, do I see only a “stump” – something that seems cut off, without hope? What must I do to make room for the new growth God wants to live in the world? What would it look like for me today to live as a citizen of Isaiah’s “peaceable kingdom?”

**DWELLING IN THE PRESENCE:** If there is any focus that the Christian leader of the future will need, it is the discipline of dwelling in the presence of the One who keeps asking us, “Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me?” It is the discipline of contemplative prayer. Through contemplative prayer we can keep ourselves from being pulled from one urgent issue to another and from becoming strangers to our own and God’s heart. *“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”* Isaiah 26: 3. ~ Fr. Henri Nouwen ~

During the **MONTH OF DECEMBER**, Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to join him in praying for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East

In July 2026 **DEACON CHRIS BARRETT** will complete his 3-year assignment at Holy Cross and within the Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocese. He and his wife Anne are moving to Perth and will seek new opportunities in the Kingston Archdiocese.

Holy Cross Parish is **SEEKING A CHOIR DIRECTOR** for weekly practice and Sunday Eucharist. Send resume to Msgr. Joseph Muldoon at [pastor@holycrossparish.com](mailto:pastor@holycrossparish.com).

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed during the day to deliver donations to the Carmelite Sisters in Almonte. If you would be able to help, please call the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

**SUNDAY MISSALS (\$10)** are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call first to ensure the office is open.

**ANDREW FLECK CHILD CARE CENTRE** pays for parents to park in our lot at \$825 per month Monday to Friday. The present rate has not been increased in some years. It will be increased soon.



**PENITENTIAL SERVICES AT OTHER PARISHES:** St. Bernard Parish--held on Wednesday, December 10 at 3 pm. / Resurrection of our Lord Parish--

held on Thursday, December 11 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am & 6 pm until 7 pm / Immaculate Heart of Mary’s Parish--held on Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm.



**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Calling all children in Grades 2 – 6 who love to sing and are willing to make a commitment to rehearsing songs at home are invited to be part of this choir on December 24 at 4 pm. To sign up, see Miriam after the 10 am Mass or send an email to the Parish Office.

**APRIL 2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE (DEADLINE IS JANUARY 08, 2026)** 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. To register contact Dennis Kam at JBCTravel.ca or 613- 569-3888.

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

**CLUB 55:** Attention Seniors! Our annual "Christmas Party" that will be held this coming **Thursday, December 11** in the Parish Hall **following the 12:15 noon Mass**. Come and enjoy a festive Roast Chicken meal complete with cranberry sauce, stuffing, mixed veggies, shortbread cookies and ice cream. There will be live music as **Anne Hurley** and **Jim Vidito** will entertain us again this year and lead us in a Christmas sing-along. It's sure to be a celebratory afternoon. Be sure to wear something festive.

**DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Special envelopes may be found in the pews 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 welcomed to bring Christmas flowers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent to the Church.



**2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. Parishioners who do not have envelopes and would like a box are asked to call the parish office and a box will be assigned to you the following week. Starting in January when you begin using your **Initial 2026 Offertory Envelopes**, please **put your name and address and phone number** 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 2025.**

### *Social Justice...*

At **LAST WEEKEND'S FOOD DRIVE**, 44 bags of food and toiletries and \$420 in cash, cheques and gift cards were received and delivered to our 5 local food banks. This will really help those in our community with food insecurity and the banks are very grateful for your donations. Donations received this weekend will be given to the food banks this week. Many thanks and blessings to you for your contributions.

**LOCAL FOOD BANKS:** Before every weekend Mass, your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, cash, cheques and grocery store gift cards are collected outside the front doors of the church and delivered within 2 days to our local food banks. The banks are currently in need of peanut butter, pasta sauce and soap. Other items always in demand are listed on the Social Justice bulletin board by the confessional at the back of the church. Please place your donations in the Food Bank bin at the front entrance to the church before weekend Masses. Thank you very much for helping out those in need in our community.

**ELIMU** ([www.elimu.ca](http://www.elimu.ca)) is raising \$6,000 towards their projects in Kenya. If you miss Nina Chung at Shortbread Sunday this weekend, you can still make a contribution at [www.elimu.ca](http://www.elimu.ca) or by cheque made out to Elimu and mailed to P.O. Box 38144, Ottawa, ON K2C 3Y7. Thank you for remembering Elimu in your Christmas giving this year.

## COLLECTION REPORT

30 November 2025 – \$3,842.00 (env) / \$585.30 (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!!

**YEAR-END DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a year-end donation to the parish, or to top off your annual contribution and have it included in your 2025 tax receipt, please make sure it is received by the parish office before December 31, 2025. Any donations received after this date will be counted for 2026 (no exceptions).



**A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS.** You are invited to fill out a parish **REGISTRATION FORM** found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass. **PLEASE NOTE** we need all

your contact information including cell number and email address if applicable. If the information is not complete, we unfortunately cannot register you. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Anne Hurley's Choir)

**Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Mass (Heather Rice's Choir)

**New Year's Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Wednesday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. Mass (Heather Rice's Choir)

**New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Thursday, January 01**

10:00 a.m. Mass (Anne Hurley's Choir)

**Christmas and New Years (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation.**

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR CHRISTMAS BULLETIN** will cover a two-week period beginning on December 21. Deadline for submissions is on **Tuesday, December 16 by 12 noon**. Our **regular weekly bulletin** will resume on **January 11** and the deadline for submissions is on **Tuesday, January 06 by 12 noon**.

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:** The **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from **Wednesday, December 24 until Friday, January 02**. The office will be open on Monday, January 05.