



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 14 DECEMBER 2025

**“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”**



Announced Mass intentions

- 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
+Maureen Herlihey
- Wed., Dec. 17 12:15PM Mass: +Salvino & +Maria
Castellano
- Thurs., Dec. 18 12:15PM Mass: +Sami Karam
- Fri., Dec. 19 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass: +Jenny Costanza
+Chatelain & +Mysak Families
+Thelma Lagera
- Sat., Dec. 20 5:00PM Mass: +Kenneth Burgess
+Araceli Pepito
- Sun., Dec. 21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass: +Meliane Rosemond
+Baltazar Almeida
Intentions of Hilda LaBrosse

Events Calendar ...

- 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 Masses
- Wed., Dec. 17 6:30PM K of C Christmas gathering
6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
- Fri., Dec. 19 10:00AM Social Justice meeting – Rm. A
1:00PM Faith Study
- Sat., Dec. 20 8:30AM Choir Practice – Church
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 21 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy

Offering Envelopes



2026 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 and would like a box, please call the parish office and a box 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 2026 Offertory Envelopes** that you, please **put your name, 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.**

†OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:



For the departed soul of
+Michael O’Sullivan
(husband of Marilyn)

May his soul rest in peace.

Words from the Pastor . . .

“You must be patient. Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is near”.

James gives us the image of a farmer who waits for the “precious fruit of the earth,” trusting that time, patience and God’s providence will bring growth. He reminds us at this Advent time to live in faith in what is unseen, “not yet.” He is inviting us to trust that time and God’s providence will bring growth. So, we ask ourselves: Where in my life am I being called to wait with faith rather than anxiety? How can I “make my heart firm” through prayer, or service, during this Advent season? In what way can I practice gentleness and patience with others as I prepare for the Lord’s coming.

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

TOILETRIES: Soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc. for St. Joe’s Women’s Centre & Shepherds of Good Hope can be left on the table at the entrance for the month of December.

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



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.

IRISH HUMOUR: MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

- Cat Scan... Searching for kitty
- Bacteria... back door to cafeteria
- Benign... what you be after you be eight.
- Pelvis... second cousin to Elvis.
- Recovery room...place to do upholstery.

Parish News and Community Life...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS: For those children are registered for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we invite you and your child to the **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment) on Sunday, January 18 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.

JESSE TREE: Thank you to the Children's Liturgy of the Word team for creating a Jesse Tree in the Church and thanks to Andre Afonso for making the tree. The children have decorated the bare branches with ornaments depicting key people and events in the Bible from Creation to the birth of Jesus. Perhaps take a moment to view this simple "family tree" of Jesus. *"On that day a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots" ~ Is. 11:1 ~*

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.



Social Justice . . .

The total **FOOD DRIVE RESULTS** from last weekend and the weekend before were 64 bags of groceries and toiletries and \$670.00. Thank you again for your generosity!

LOCAL FOOD BANKS: The food banks are in need of canned fish, pasta/sauce and toothbrushes and toothpaste. Other items are listed on the Social Justice bulletin board. Please place your donations in the Food Bank bin at the front entrance to the church before weekend Masses. Thank you for helping those in need.

Other interests . . .

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: Mark your calendars, the annual Lessons and Carols service takes place on Sunday, December 21 at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Church (174 Wilbrod St.). This tradition, stemming from the Anglican Church, tells the story of Christ's birth through readings and song. Join us with a freewill donation to support St. Joe's Supper Table, the only food bank and free meal programme operated by a church in the diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall.

COLLECTION REPORT

07 December 2025 – \$4,935.00 (env) / \$637.05 (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).

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

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**. 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.



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.

Food For Thought †

"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" – Pope Francis