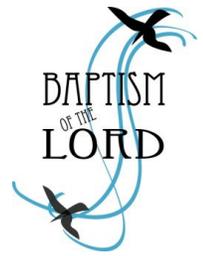




## BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 11 JANUARY 2026

*“And when Jesus had been baptized...a voice from heaven said,  
‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”*



### *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., Jan. 10 5:00PM Mass: +George Acres  
+Lina Roussy
- Sun., Jan. 11 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass: Deceased members of the Braganza Family
- Wed., Jan. 14 12:15PM Mass: +Tony Costanza
- Thurs., Jan. 15 12:15PM Mass
- Fri., Jan. 16 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
12:15PM Mass: In Thanksgiving  
+Lina Roussy  
+Irene Chatelain
- Sat., Jan. 17 5:00PM Mass: +Christina Daly & Bill Daly  
+Peter Daly & +Dan Kelly
- Sun., Jan. 18 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00AM Mass – Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### *Events Calendar ...*

- Sat., Jan. 10 4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Jan. 11 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy  
11:00AM Children’s Liturgy meeting – Hall
- Wed., Jan. 14 1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A  
6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
- Thurs., Jan. 15 1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
- Fri., Jan. 16 1:00PM Faith Study
- Sat., Jan. 17 10:00AM Hospitality meeting – Hall
- Sun., Jan. 18 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy

**Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** during the 10:00 am Mass

### **POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

*~~ For prayer with the Word of God~~*

*Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

Eucharistic



### **COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME:**

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **every FRIDAY from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon.** You are encouraged to spend time in adoration with our Lord.

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

The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall joins First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities across Canada in welcoming the historic return of 62 Indigenous cultural artifacts from the Vatican Museums. This significant moment in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation marks a tangible step in the Catholic Church’s commitment to healing and respect for Indigenous heritage.

They arrived in Canada on December 06, 2025, and are currently in the care of the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec, for acclimatization and expert assessment. Most of the collection was originally sent to Rome for a 1925 Vatican Mission Exhibition organized by Pope Pius XI. Following discussions with Indigenous delegations in 2022 and the late Pope Francis’s historic apology in Canada, the commitment was made to return these cherished items to their rightful owners.

The return of these initial 62 items is considered a historic first step, with many more artifacts remaining in the Vatican Museums’ collection.

As we complete the Christmas season with the Baptism of Jesus this weekend, I wish to express my **THANKS** to Fr. Jim O’Neill, Fr. Peter Street and Deacon Chris Barrett for their service during my absence due to the ‘Flu’! I wish to thank all the ministries for ‘stepping up’ to serve in a noble fashion.

To all the Parishioners, my **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.** I offer my prayers and blessings and especially for ‘good health’ in 2026!

**HOLY CROSS PARISH THANKS** the choir director Anne Hurley for her decades of service and wish her well in retirement.

I have interviewed and selected our new Choir Director, Alex Korablin who will assume the position in February. He is keen to begin and brings a wealth of experience from his education in his native Kiev, Ukraine. I know you will welcome Alex to Holy Cross.

**CHOIRS:** We encourage more men, women and youth to join the choirs on Saturday at 5 pm or Sunday at 10 am. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your name and contact information.

Our planned **PILGRIMAGE FOR APRIL IS CANCELLED** due to lack of response! Other itineraries are being considered!

**PEW KNEELERS:** With winter and all the salt that is added to the parking lot and walkways, we ask for your consideration and cooperation on a practical matter. Please be careful to not place your boots on the kneelers. This will keep them clean for the next parishioner, who will be kneeling at the same place. Thank you.

**SACRAMENTS – IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS**



**FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION:** Children who are already registered are invited to the **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment) on Sunday, January 18 at 10 am.** Please arrive **20 minutes before Mass begins** to sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church.



**CONFIRMATION: PREPARATION SESSION #1** will be held on **Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm (SHARP)** for those children who already registered for this Sacrament. Please arrive at 6 pm to sign-in your child as we will promptly start at 6:30 pm.

**CLUB 55:** The first gathering of Club 55 for 2026 will take place in the Parish Hall this coming **Thursday, January 15** following the 12:15 pm Mass. Come and enjoy an **'Italian' themed lunch** featuring assorted pizzas, salad and dessert. Share good conversation with fellow parishioners and take part in a card game if you wish. We hope to see you there!

**YOUR 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. 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. **Thank you for your generosity throughout 2025.**

**Social Justice...**

**THANK YOU** from Nina Chung of Elimu. Over \$1,200 was raised through Holy Cross towards their target of \$12,000 for December. Another \$7,000 was raised from other sources. You can still make your 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. All donations are tax receipted.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** Our local Food Banks are in need of soup, pasta and sauce. Other items are listed on the Social Justice bulletin board 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.

**LOST & FOUND**

**NOTICE:** Please check the **LOST AND FOUND BOX** under the table near the elevator within the next couple of weeks. We have found glasses, keys, gloves, hats, water bottles, umbrellas and scarves etc. Those items that are not picked up by the **beginning of February**, we will be donating to St. Vincent de Paul.

**Other interests...**

**OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE SPRING 2026 TRAINING: BASIC TRAINING COURSE** either in-person (Monday afternoons) or online by Zoom (Monday evenings). Both courses begin Monday, March 09 and run weekly until May 11 (including Easter Monday). **CONTINUING EDUCATION** on Tuesday April 14 from 7- 9 pm by Zoom. In this session, representatives from Bereaved Families of Ottawa lead a session called *Disenfranchised Grief: The Losses We Don't*

*Talk About.* For more information about these and other programs, visit our website at [www.ottawapastoralcare.com](http://www.ottawapastoralcare.com)

~ **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.

**HAVE YOU MOVED IN THE PAST YEAR?** Please call or email the Parish Office to be sure we have your new mailing address before income tax receipts are printed and distributed. Please help us stay up to date.

**OR** if you changed your phone number and/or email address, call the office with your new contact information.



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 request to Holy Cross Parish.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** During the winter months, snow and ice tend to build up on the roof of the Church and when the weather conditions turn mild, the snow and/or ice slides off. We are asking all parishioners to please be cautious when entering all entrances of the building and to please watch for ice build-up on the ground.

**Food for Thought** †

*"Whatever you do, whatever your skills, and whatever your age – you can live your life for the glory of God. Let this inspire you to take action today. Even the smallest act for God can make huge changes in someone's life."* – St. Dominic Savio