



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18 JANUARY 2026

*“Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!”*



Announced Mass intentions

- 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
- Wed., Jan. 21 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Jan. 22 12:15PM Mass: In Thanksgiving
- Fri., Jan. 23 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass: +Vincent Chung
+Modesto Ombiga
+Lina Roussy
Intentions of Luc Chatelain
- Sat., Jan. 24 5:00PM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross
Parishioners
- Sun., Jan. 25 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass: +Roger Cotter
+Anne Baxter
+Alenka Markovic
10:00AM Mass: +Helen Hanniman
Intentions of Br. Alex Chung

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Jan. 17 10:00AM Hospitality meeting – Hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Jan. 18 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy
**Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** during the 10:00 am Mass
- Tues., Jan. 20 6:30PM **PREPARATION SESSION #1**
for **CONFIRMATION** – Hall
- Wed., Jan. 21 1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A
6:00PM K of C Exemplification and
general meeting – Hall
6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
- Thurs., Jan. 22 6:30PM **PREPARATION SESSION #1**
for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – Hall
- Fri., Jan. 23 1:00PM Faith Study
- Sat., Jan. 24 10:00AM Hospitality – Hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Jan. 25 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy
11:00AM Baptism - Church
FARWELL CELEBRATION for Anne Hurley
following the 10 am Mass in the parish hall

IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE in the hospital and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, you are asked to please contact the Chaplain from that hospital. Sacrament of the Sick can be received even if one is not at the point of death. It is not the last Sacrament.



Words from the Pastor . . .

“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” By calling Jesus “the Lamb of God,” John evokes the Passover lamb and the suffering servant – images of sacrifice, deliverance, and mercy. Jesus comes toward us not in judgment, but bearing the weight of the world’s brokenness, willing to take upon himself the sin that alienates humanity from God. In this moment, faith begins by looking, by recognizing who Jesus is and trusting what he comes to do for us. Where in my life do I most need to let Jesus take away sin, guilt, or burden I still carry? Like John the Baptist, how can I point others – not to myself – but to Christ at work in the world today?”

POPE LEO XIV PROCLAIMS FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR:

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a **“Special Year of St. Francis”** to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on January 10 with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See. Until January 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual Church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world. He highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that “peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.”

QUO VADIS? DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD:

Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Each night will be held at Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

I am proposing a **TEAM OF PASTORAL CARE VISITORS** to our several Retirement Homes weekly on Thursdays at 10 am. It would be a short prayer service using the liturgy of the day and distributing Holy Communion with instruction and guidelines provided. If interested call the Parish Office.

The **CLOISTERED CARMELITE SISTERS IN ALMONTE** will be grateful to receive hand cream, US postage stamps, dried fruit, as well as any food items. Please leave them at the Church entrance and put “For the Carmelite Sisters”. Sister Angelina thanks all of you for your generosity.

The Archdiocese has authorized a 2.2 % increase for clergy and staff effective January 01.

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS

SACRAMENTS – IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS



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.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: PREPARATION SESSION #1 will be held on **Thursday, January 22 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.

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.**

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.

Social Justice...

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Our local Food Banks are in need of vegetable oil and canned fish. 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...

HOUSE OF GOLD—DISCOVERING THE WONDER OF OUR FEMINE IDENTITY: GIRLS RETREAT led by the Queenship of Mary Community. Girls ages 12-17 are invited to join the Queenship of Mary Sisters for a Girls Retreat on **Saturday, February 14** at St. Mary's Parish (100 Young St.) from 9 am – 5 pm in the parish hall, ending with Mass at 5 pm. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of food. Info: 613-728-9811 / office@stmarysottawa.ca

COLLECTION REPORT

- 07 December 2025 – \$4,935.00 (env) / \$637.05 (loose)
- 14 December 2025 – \$3,276.25 (env) / \$650.90 (loose)
- 21 December 2025 – \$2,874.06 (env) / \$904.20 (loose)
- 28 December 2025 – \$3,023.00 (env) / \$579.95 (loose)

THANK YOU for your generosity to the Parish through weekly envelopes or auto deposit or e-transfer. Tax receipts will be coming soon!

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 bequest to Holy Cross Parish.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the Church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the Church! Please note that we do not share your registration information with anyone, and it is completely confidential.

The benefits include—Establishes evidence of presence; Provides proof of sacramental participation; Demonstrate community involvement; Demonstrates financial commitment; Empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed; and provides you with a tax-receipt.

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.

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