



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25 JANUARY 2026

“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

Announced Mass intentions

- 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 Anne Hurley and her Family
 Intentions of Br. Alex Chung
 +Yves Guay
 +Perla Ponting
- Wed., Jan. 28 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Jan. 29 12:15PM Mass: +Frans Ridderbeeks
- Fri., Jan. 30 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
 12:15PM Mass:
- Sat., Jan. 31 5:00PM Mass: +Marc Gardner
- Sun., Feb. 01 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
 10:00AM **FAMILY MASS**
 +Penny Ross

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Jan. 24 10:00AM Hospitality – Hall
 4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Jan. 25 10:00AM **NO** Children’s Liturgy
 11:00AM Baptism - Church
FARWELL CELEBRATION for Anne Hurley following the 10 am Mass in the parish hall
- Tues., Jan. 27 10:30AM **Funeral for Aline Girard**
- Wed., Jan. 28 1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A
 1:30PM Action Life meeting – hall
 6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
- Thurs., Jan. 29 1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
- Fri., Jan. 30 1:00PM Faith Study
- Sun., Feb. 01 10:00AM **NO** Children’s Liturgy

✠ OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:



For the departed soul of

+Aline Girard

May her soul rest in peace.

Funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at 10:30 am at Holy Cross

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**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 . . .

*“The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.”*

If we have turned to Jesus, as he invites us today, then we are reflectors of his light – we are light bearers. He calls us again to be part of the fulfillment of Isaiah’s promise: to bring light into the darkness, joy for those in gloom and distress. As I look around my personal landscape what darkness do I perceive? What can I do to bring light into that darkness, relief to those who are in “a land of gloom?”

The **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** is hosting a reception today after the 10 am Mass for Anne Hurley on her retirement from the Music Ministry.

**WELCOME** to our new Choir Director, Alex Korablin, who will begin his duties February 01 at the 10 am Mass!

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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **February 18**. For the convenience of the Parishioners, Mass will be celebrated with the imposition of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. All are welcome to participate. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.**



If you have any blessed palms from previous years at home, you may bring them to Mass with you in preparation for Ash Wednesday and leave them in the basket provided at the entrance of the Church no later than Sunday, February 07. If you forget to bring them and wish to dispose of them yourself remember that they are blessed. The correct way of disposing of anything blessed is to burn or bury. It is a sign of respect that these items are not put in our regular garbage.



**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK ON FEBRUARY 11:** The **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be administered on **Wednesday, February 11 at the 12:15 noon Mass** to the elderly and the frail.

## Parish News and Community Life ...

**VISTING MINISTRY:** We are seeking volunteers to go in pairs in their homes for a one-hour visit. Please contact Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226 or e-mail [fran.hadleyL@gmail.com](mailto:fran.hadleyL@gmail.com). Sign-up sheets will also be available at the entrance and the table next to the elevator.

**CLUB 55:** The next gathering of Club 55 will take place on Thursday, January 29 following the 12:15 Mass. Come and enjoy an 'Italian' themed lunch featuring 2 kinds of pizza, a hearty salad and a 'special' dessert. Following lunch there will be a guest speaker. David O'Neill, Manager of Community Programs at the Glebe Centre - Abbotsford, will talk about 2 services, Community Support Services (CSS), which allows older adults to age in place with dignity and respect, and the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC), a community centre for adults 55+. Be sure to join us and learn more about these services in the South end.

### Social Justice...

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** Our local Food Banks are in need of school snacks, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter and jam. 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...

**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, please contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at [vocations@ottawacomwall.ca](mailto:vocations@ottawacomwall.ca).

**UPFRONT YOUTH LEADERSHIP:** What if leadership starts exactly where you are? **UpFront** is a one-day youth leadership formation experience for students in Grades 9-12 who want to make a difference. Whether you're already helping with your parish youth group or just starting to explore leadership, this day is designed to help you grow in confidence through dynamic talks, workshops, and small groups. You'll gain real skills for ministry and discover how to lead with faith, right where you are. Join us on **Saturday, January 31** from **10 am to 3 pm** at **St. Augustine Church** (1060 Baseline Rd.) This leadership day is run by the **NET MINISTRIES TEAM**. Info: 613-225-7388.

## COLLECTION REPORT

Christmas 2025 – \$4,202.00 (env) / \$3,600.10 (loose)  
New Year's 2026 – \$2,177.90 (env) / \$276.00 (loose)  
04 January 2026 – \$3,417.10 (env) / \$809.30 (loose)  
11 January 2026 – \$3,070.45 (env) / \$489.80 (loose)  
18 January 2026 – \$2,762.45 (env) / \$846.55 (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!!

**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

### 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 †

*"Have we made the doors of the stables of our hearts secure against the cold winds of apathy, selfishness, indifference, so that these cannot penetrate? Is the dry wood of our sacrifices, our penances, our prayers, ready to be lit to provide warmth for the Child in that cold stable?"* – Catherine Doherty