



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15 FEBRUARY 2026

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill...”

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Feb. 14 5:00PM Mass
- Sun., Feb. 15 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass: +Bryan Langlois
- Wed., Feb. 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
12:15PM Mass with the imposition of Ashes
Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
- Thurs., Feb. 19 12:15PM Mass
- Friday, Feb. 20 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass: +Elvira dela Cruz
- Sat., Feb. 21 5:00PM Mass: +George Acres
+Ralph Gardner
- Sun., Feb. 22 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass: +Baltazar Almeida

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Feb. 14 9:00AM K of C Exemplification – Church
10:00AM Hospitality meeting – Library
10:00AM K of C setting up hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Feb. 15 10:00AM NO Children’s Liturgy
PANCAKE BREAKFAST after all morning Masses – Hall
- Mon., Feb. 16 **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tues., Feb. 17 7:00AM K of C Shrove Tuesday
pancakes for Holy Cross School
- Wed., Feb. 18 7:00PM Choir Practice – Church
- Thurs., Feb. 19 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council meeting
- Fri., Feb. 20 1:00PM Faith Study
7:00PM Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus
- Sat., Feb. 21 10:00AM Hospitality baking – Hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Feb. 22 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy
COFFEE SUNDAY after all morning Masses – Hall



WE PRAY for our children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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 . . .

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

What will help us live the challenges Jesus places before us in the Sermon on the Mount? Certainly, we cannot fulfill them merely by gritting our teeth and putting our nose to the grindstone. Instead, realizing our limitations, we turn to Jesus and ask for a renewed gift of his Spirit. Sound idealistic? Yes, it does, but Jesus would not ask us to fulfill something he would not help us accomplish. In what ways might I be tempted to practice religion outwardly, while resisting the deeper inner change of heart that Jesus calls for? How is God inviting me – right now – to move beyond simply following rules and toward a more honest, loving, and merciful way of living?

LIVING IT OUT: Commit to attending Mass faithfully every Sunday and try to go at least one other day this week. Also receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” (John 6:54)

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

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.**



With Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent. Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting.

On LENTEN FRIDAY’S we will have the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself to us. All are welcome.



PLEASE NOTE: The Stations of the Cross will be at 7 pm except on February 27 when it will be at 11 am.

- Friday, February 20 at 7 pm – led by Knights of Columbus
- Friday, February 27 at 11 am – led by Club 55
- Friday, March 06 at 7 pm – led by the Sacramental team
- Friday, March 13 at 7 pm – led by the Hospitality Committee
- Friday, March 20 at 7 pm – led by Social Justice
- Friday, March 27 at 7 pm – led by the Faith Study team
- GOOD FRIDAY** April 03 at 7 pm

FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN PROJECT please provide toiletries for St. Joe’s Women’s Centre and Shepherds of Good Hope.

Did you know **YOU CAN DONATE SECURITIES TO THE PARISH**? Recently a Parishioner donated Securities to the benefit of Holy Cross. We are grateful for this act of generosity. For more details please contact the Office.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT OTHER PARISHES:

St. Bernard Parish (1720 St. Bernard St.) on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm / Resurrection of our Lord Parish (1940 Saunderson Dr.) on Thursday, March 19 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and from 6 pm to 7 pm. / Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (1758 Alta Vista Dr.) on Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm.

Parish News and Community Life ...



COFFEE SUNDAY: Hospitality reminds you that we continue to be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 22. We invite you to come join us and spend time together while enjoying a drink and homemade Valentine like treats after the morning Masses. Gluten free treats will be available as well.

SACRAMENTS – IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: will be held on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 6:30 pm.** Parents are asked to **PLEASE arrive at 6:10 pm** to sign-in your child.



CONFIRMATION: The **SECOND PREPARATION SESSION** will be held on **Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 pm (SHARP).** Please arrive at 6 pm to sign-in your child as we will promptly start at 6:30 pm.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Beginning in April, a Grief Support program, “**When Life Changes**”, will take place over a period of 6 weeks. There is a need for volunteers to assist – Facilitators to lead groups, and a small team to help register participants and prepare refreshments, etc. **Training will be provided in advance for Facilitators.** If you are considering a way to serve in the parish, and for more information, contact Jane Kralik at jmkralik@gmail.com or 613-523-0560.

VISITING MINISTRY: We are seeking volunteers to go in pairs to visit Holy Cross’ senior parishioners for a weekly one-hour visit. Please contact Fran Hadley at 613-737-5226 or fran.hadley@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets will be available on the tables at the two entrances of the Church.

Social Justice...

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Our local Food Banks are in need of canned soup, stews, tuna, chicken and rice. Other items always in demand are listed on the Social Justice bulletin board at the back of the Church. 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...

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 information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

ST. JOSEPH’S ORATORY PILGRIMAGE ON MARCH 19 with Fr. John Ogbaje and Queenship of Mary Sisters. Our Itinerary for the day: Holy Rosary, Holy Mass, Veneration of Relic of St. Brother Andre, Divine Mercy Chaplet. We depart on March 19 from St Basil’s Church, (940 Rex Ave.) at 7:45 am and we return at 6 pm. The cost is \$100 which includes transportation and lunch. We will start the Novena to St. Joseph on March 10. To register contact Stan & Maria at mhbielec@icloud.com or 613-914-0427.

COLLECTION REPORT

08 February 2026 – \$2,816.00 (env) / \$775.65 (loose)

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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 OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL: If you have moved or changed your phone number or email, please call the parish office with your new contact before income tax receipts are printed and distributed. Please help us stay up to date.

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! Please introduce yourself to our pastor and then take a moment to complete a parish registration form available on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church and place it in the collection at Mass. It is to your benefit and that of your family to be properly registered. Tax receipts are provided for those who use offering envelopes or those gifting by automatic withdrawal.

Food for Thought †

“Both the talented ones and those who have no particular talents all contribute to the restoration of the world to Christ. It is not what you do that matters. It is what you are. If you have understood the romance and immensity of little things done well, with love, then you will restore the world to Christ. They will become big because they are touched by God and done for Him.” — Catherine Doherty



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