



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26 APRIL 2026

*“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep...
Whoever enters by me will be saved...”*



Announced Mass intentions

Sat., April 25	5:00PM Mass: + Lina Roussy +Kenneth Burgess
Sun., April 26	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass: +Zafu Kuflu +Azde Mariam +Michael O’Sullivan +Tat Chiu Ng
Wed., April 29	12:15PM Mass: Intention of Anthony Brown Deceased members of the +Gardner & +Thibault Families
Thurs., April 30	12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Cecilia Farrante
Fri., May 01	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass: +Socorro Umrysh +Justina Reyes Arago
Sat., May 02	5:00PM Mass: +Marie Watkinson
Sun., May 03	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Parishioners 10:00AM FAMILY MASS +Maureen Herlihey +Lemiso ole Kipusi

Events Calendar ...

Sat., April 25	10:00AM Hospitality setting up hall 4:45PM Rosary – Church
Sun., April 26	10:00AM Children’s Liturgy COFFEE SUNDAY after all morning Masses – Hall
Tues., April 28	10:30AM Grief Support Session – Hall
Wed., April 29	10:00AM Funeral for +Edith Rechnitzer 7:00PM Choir Practice – Church
Thurs., April 30	6:30PM PREPARATION SESSION #4 FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Hall Anniversary – Hall
Fri., May 01	1:30PM Men’s Faith Study – Hall
Sat., May 02	4:45PM Rosary – Church
Sun., May 03	10:00AM NO Children’s Liturgy

† OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:

For the departed souls of

+Clifford Payette (husband of Loretta)
+Edith Rechnitzer (wife of Hubert)
+Frank Barrett (father of Deacon Chris)

May their souls rest in peace.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Holy Cross Parish will celebrate **Monsignor Joseph Muldoon’s 50th Anniversary of Priesthood** with Archbishop Marcel Dampousse celebrating the Eucharist on **Sunday June 07, at 10 am**. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome

Words from the Pastor . . .

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; and refreshes my soul.”

When we allow ourselves to be led by the Good Shepherd, our restless hearts grow calmer, and our weary souls are renewed. Trusting his care, we discover that he is already guiding us toward the peace we seek. Where in my life right now, do I most need the Lord’s guidance and rest? When have I experienced God refreshing my spirit during a difficult or stressful time? How can I make space this week to follow the Shepherd more attentively?

BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM presently of Peterborough Diocese has been named Bishop of London, replacing Bishop Ron Fabbro, CSB, who is retiring.

VOCATIONS APPEAL – SPECIAL COLLECTION (APRIL 25-26): God has answered our prayers for vocations in a remarkable way. After a short time with no seminarians, our archdiocese now has six men in formation, and we expect up to twelve next year. Through the Vocations Appeal, we seek to support their formation, which costs approximately \$65,000 per seminarian per year. Each of these men has answered the call of the Good Shepherd with courage and faith. Now, the call comes to us to walk with them and support them as they are formed to serve God’s people well. Please give generously and pray for our future priests.

Scan here to donate online
or visit ottawacornwall.ca/donations.



Parish News and Community Life...

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NOTICE TO PARENTS

For parents of children who are already registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the **FOURTH PREPARATION SESSION** will be held on **THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 6:30 pm**.



ELECTIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): PPC assists the Pastor and his staff in the planning and coordinating of overall policies and goals of the Parish. It meets monthly except July and August. Elections to PPC will be held on May 23/24. If you are interested in serving the Parish by becoming a member, contact Greg Yost, the current chair of PPC, at 613-512-2607 or gregyost@rogers.com **no later than May 10** who will guide you through the process.

FAITH STUDY PROGRAMS – EVERYONE WELCOME! Come and join a Faith Study group and deepen in our beautiful faith! Groups meet weekly of 4-6 people for 6 weeks. The program is Discovery and from our experience, parishioners love the space to learn and share their faith together. Every day is a chance to grow deeper in our faith. Come do it together with us. Great friendships have started within our small groups. Holy Cross has been offering faith study groups since 2023 and almost 100 people have participated. Will you? For more information and/or to register contact Pauline at houlahanpauline@gmail.com.

YES, YOU CAN – PAINT: Discover your hidden talent! Hospitality is organizing a paint afternoon on **Saturday, May 30 at 1 pm**. Doors open at 12:45 pm. Light refreshments will be available. Door prizes are offered. Price - \$30 per person; all materials included. Tickets will be sold on the weekends of May 09/10, 16/17, and 23/24 until the maximum of 50 participants are reached.

Social Justice...

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: Our local Food Banks are in need of vegetable oil, juice boxes and school snacks. Other items always 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. Thank you for helping those in need.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP): We have a family who recently arrived from Cameroon. Their current home was flooded and is uninhabitable due to mold. Mattresses have all been destroyed and must be replaced. They need bedding for 4 single beds, 1 baby crib and a queen bed for the parents. We accept gently used bedding or new sheet sets, a quilt or a pillow for this family, it would be most appreciated. We are working with another charity who will provide furniture for them. Pauline Houlahan will collect and/or pick up any donations. Please contact her at either 905-467-7748 or houlahanpauline@gmail.com. Thank you for your continuous and generous support in our work with families in need.

Other interests . . .

ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA SUNDAY MAY 03 AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH (Banquet Hall 5338 Bank St.): Join us for a delightful English style tea with an assortment of sandwiches, scones, mascarpone cream, jams, sweet and savoury treats and a variety of teas. Limited seating. \$30 pp, children under 10: \$15. Reserve an entire table of 10 for \$270. Doors open at 1 pm. Wear your favourite fascinator and bid on gift baskets and other items. Homemade jams for sale as well. Order your tickets by calling 613-822-2007 / e-transfers can be sent to accounting@olvottawa.ca. Or call the office at 613-822-2197.

ROAD TO PENTECOST – SERVANTS OF THE CROSS: Join us for an amazing Book Reading of the phenomenal book *The Cross and the Switchblade*. Let's meet over the weekend and read this amazing book together! Let's share the Gospel to all those we meet. Join us on **Friday, May 08 from 6 pm – 8:30 pm** (light refreshments) and **Sunday, May 09 from 10 am – 4 pm** (lunch included) at Servants Home, 33 Aurora Cres. To register please go to servantsofthecross.ca or call 613-729-8710. Limited space available.

FIAT—WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Fiat is a series of nights for women ages 18-35 discerning consecrated life, including religious life and consecrated virginity. Following Mary's Fiat (her "yes" to God), come learn more about the vocation of consecrated life and see how God may be calling you. Evenings will run from 7 - 9 pm and will include a talk, small and large group discussion, prayer time, and time for fellowship. Topics may include the various vocations of consecrated life (Religious Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life, Consecrated Virginity, Secular Institutes, Diocesan Hermits) and their forms (ex. contemplative vs active). We'll also explore how to properly discern and build strong prayer lives. These events are facilitated by members of the Servants of the Cross, the Queenship of Mary Community, and Erin Kinsella, a Consecrated Virgin within our Archdiocese. At Fiat, you'll have a chance to connect with women living the consecrated life and others still discerning. Want to learn more about vocations contact Erin at erinkinsella@live.ca.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The faithful are invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during which a communal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place. This time of prayer will offer an opportunity for reflection, devotion, and spiritual renewal, as we entrust ourselves to the maternal care of Our Lady and deepen our commitment to Christ. May 13 at 7 pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa. The program will include the screening of *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, the Rosary, the communal consecration, and the May 13 hymn with candles. All are welcome.

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26 April 2026: \$3,753.10 (env) / \$733.55 (loose)

~ THANK YOU for your generosity and support ~
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**ATTENTION TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS WHO DONATE THROUGH PAP:** We are having issues with the online banking system; and unable to process the Pre-Authorized Withdrawal for March yet. We are working hard with the bank to resolve the issues. Once everything is resolved, we will process the PAP withdrawal ASAP. If you would like to do the **March donation in any other ways, we accept cash, cheque, & e-transfer**. Otherwise, we will notify you when the PAP withdrawal is done. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up at the back of the Church next to the offertory envelopes. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2025.  
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