



TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life."***



Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 12	5:00PM Mass: +George Acres +Earl Moskaluk +Francisco Javier Guada Intentions of Marie Roy
Sun., Sept. 13	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8:00AM Mass: +Carmelita Magcasi 10:00AM FESTIVAL MASS
Wed., Sept. 16	12:15PM Mass: Intentions of Ted and Joanne Sabourin
Thurs., Sept. 17	12:15PM Mass: +Jonajane Quitain
Fri., Sept. 18	11:00AM ADORATION until 12 noon 12:15PM Mass; +Roger & +Gerta Patry
Sat., Sept. 19	5:00PM Mass: +Renée Gardner
Sun., Sept. 20	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners 10:00AM Mass: +Frank & +Kay Kurs +Doris & +Morese Russy Intentions of Alice Bull

Events Calendar ...

Sat., Sept. 12	10:00AM Hospitality – Hall 4:40PM Rosary - Church
Sun., Sept. 13	11:00AM Feast Day celebrations continue
Tues., Sept. 15	7:00PM Sacramental planning meeting 7:00PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed., Sept. 16	11:40AM Rosary – Church 7:00PM K of C general meeting 7:00PM Choir Practice – Church
Thurs., Sept. 17	11:40AM Rosary – Church 1:00PM Club 55 – Hall 5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Fri., Sept. 18	2:00PM Wedding : Sophia Cadena-Ellis & Sebastian Zuniga Juarez – Church
Sat., Sept. 19	4:40PM Rosary - Church 6:00PM Pig Roast – Hall
Sun., Sept. 20	10:00AM Children's Liturgy 11:00AM Children's Liturgy meeting – Hall

60 YEARS OF CELEBRATING HOLY CROSS PARISH

On September 14, 1966 (the feast of the Triumph of the Cross), Archbishop Lemieux made the announcement of the formation of this new parish. This was followed a few weeks later by the official decree and the appointment of Fr. Francis French as the pastor. Sunday Mass was celebrated in a Confederation Heights government cafeteria and weekday Masses in homes until the new building was occupied. The first Mass was celebrated on March 23, 1969. The unique roof design makes it a landmark building in the area, inviting everyone to join our vibrant faith community.

Words from the Pastor . . .

"For God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

We are reminded on this feast to let the grace Jesus accomplished for us on the cross, work within us and transform us, so that we can love humankind as he did...and as God does. "For God so loved the world" Our remembering is not simply a calling to mind a past event so we can be filled with guilt, or sympathy or only gratitude.

We remember that the earthly Jesus suffers no more, but the body of Christ in the world continues to suffer. For this is the one who said. "I was hungry, thirsty, imprisoned and naked." The best way to remember Jesus on his cross is to receive his presence at this Eucharist and to serve those in the world who continue to suffer. As I make the "Sign of the Cross," do I make it in solidarity and remembrance of those who continue to suffer on the many crosses' humanity bears...war, exile, sickness, disease, violent death, racism, etc.? How can I relieve the cross of someone today?

COME AND "PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST" FOR VOCATIONS – HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 7 PM. All are invited to Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, praying for an increase of all vocations within the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, and to hear from Archbishop Marcel Dampousse. This event is in collaboration with Young Catholics Ottawa (YCO). All young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to a social that will follow at Café des Tours! YCO will also have a special seating area for young adults at the Basilica during the Holy Hour. Free parking is available in the 'blue line section' of the public parking lot behind the Cathedral. For more info, email Fr. Connor O'Hara, Director of Vocations, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

The **COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** will take place on the weekend of September 26 / 27. Each year, this collection gives Catholics in every parish an opportunity to support the shared mission of the Church in our country. When you give, your offering begins in your parish but does not end there. It strengthens the mission of your diocese or eparchy and helps sustain the common work of the Bishops of Canada through the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). In this way, Catholics in communities across the country support one another in a truly shared mission.

THE CARMELITE SISTERS are very grateful for all the donations parishioners have so kindly donated each Sunday. They would appreciate olive oil, Quaker Oats (not instant), flour and toilet paper. Please leave your items in the green bins under the table at the Church entrance.

DECOR—Needed—new volunteers!



PILGRIMAGE WITH MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MULDOON: You are invited to join Msgr. Muldoon on a **PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES, THE CAMINO AND THE PYRENEES** from **MARCH 31 – APRIL 14,**

2027. Msgr. Muldoon will serve as the Spiritual Director. Stops will include Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela, León, Lourdes, Andorra, Barcelona and Montserrat. A **meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25 at 2 pm in the parish hall.** For **reservations or information, contact Dennis Kam, JBC Travel at 613-569-3888 ext. 3 or email dennis@jbctravel.ca.**

Parish News and Community Life...

FAMILY MASSES: We are looking for participants for our Family Masses. If interested, please email Owen Thompson at oeftompson@gmail.com or speak with him after the 10 am Mass.

PARISH PLANNING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027: If you have a child, who has been baptised Catholic, entering Grade 2 (or older) in September and intend for them to receive First Holy Communion or a child entering Grade 6 (or older) who have already received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and intend for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, parents are asked to pre-register by either calling the parish office at 613-731-7834 or email at office@holycrossparish.com. **Please note that this is only for pre-registering for obtaining numbers. Parents will have to officially register in the fall.**

CLUB 55: Our first gathering will be held this coming **Thursday, September 17 following the 12:15 noon Mass.** Come and enjoy our "Say Goodbye to Summer" themed lunch. We'll be serving 2 kinds of Panini sandwiches, potato salad, tossed green salad, pickles and a "Peachy" dessert. Share a lovely meal and catch up with friends about how they spent the summer. Everyone is welcome!



PARISH PIG ROAST: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 6 PM: The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to everyone. Tickets can be bought at the back of the Church after all weekend Masses or by calling Joe Goski at 613-294-6524. Cost: \$30/adults / free for children younger than 13.

Social Justice ...

FUNDRAISING WALKATHON - The Heron Emergency Food Centre (HEFC) is holding its Annual Walkathon on Saturday, September 19. HEFC provides a 7-day supply of nutritious food to about 2,500 people every month. HEFC needs your support so it can purchase food, mainly perishables like fresh fruit, vegetables and bread to supplement what it receives from the Ottawa Food Bank and food donations from the community. To donate go to hefc.ca and click on Donate. CanadaHelps will provide the tax receipt. Alternatively, Greg Yost, the representative of Holy Cross on the HEFC Board, will be walking. If you want to support Greg, contact him at gregyost@rogers.com or 613-521-2607 to make your pledge.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS need fruit cups, soups, canned vegetables, rice, tea, peanut butter, jam, and honey. 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 outside the front entrance to the church before weekend Masses. Thank you for helping those in need.

Other interests ...

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE – ST. FAUSTINA FEAST DAY: Join us on **Saturday, October 03** (Wilno, ON), with Fr. Marcus Schonnop and Fr. John Ogbaje. Itinerary: Departure from St. Basil Church (940 Rex Ave.) at 7:45 am. Rosary and Confession at 10:30 am. Holy Mass and Veneration of Relics at 11:30 am. Lunch at 1:30 pm. Way of the Cross at 2:30 pm. Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Cost: \$100 includes transpiration and lunch. To register please contact Stan & Maria at 613-227-5900 or mhbielec@gmail.com.

ANSWER THE CALL BENEFIT GALA—Thursday, October 29 from 5 pm – 9 pm at Ottawa Conference & Event Center (200 Coventry Rd). It brings our community together to celebrate the remarkable growth in priestly vocations within our Archdiocese and to support the men who are answering God's call. The program includes an opening reception, dinner, inspiring stories from our seminarians, and an opportunity to support their formation. Presale tickets are \$150 & include a \$50 charitable tax receipt. The regular ticket price is \$165 & includes a \$65 charitable tax receipt. There are a very limited number of tickets remaining at the presale price. Purchase your tickets today at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/adoc/events/gala-26/>. We look forward to welcoming you on October 29!

DONATIONS

THANK YOU for your continuous generosity and support!

YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS are critical for the financial health of the Parish and make a difference!

There are several methods in supporting 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

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.

NOTE: If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the parish office with your new contact information so that our records are updated.