

Holy Cross Bulletin – 15 October 2023

"For many are called, but few are **CHOSEN**."

MATT 22:14



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Future Search Conference *Invitational Parish - 3 - 4 November 2023*

Earlier this summer, I announced that Holy Cross will be holding a special conference this fall on becoming an invitational parish. This initiative builds on the work undertaken by Father Andrew Shim over many years. The purpose of the conference will be to explore together with a representative group how to make Holy Cross a more invitational parish.

The Pastoral Council selected "Future Search Conference" as the model we will use. Future Search is a unique method that engages and enables a representative group to explore common ideas, in this case about how to make our parish more outgoing and evangelizing. In discussing what it means to be invitational, conference participants will focus on our history, our present situation and external trends. We will seek agreement on common themes. Participants will propose concrete steps for becoming an invitational parish. The conference provides an opportunity to bring together – at one time and in the same room – representative voices interested in developing an invitational spirit at Holy Cross.

I am extending an invitation for parishioners to express interest in this promising initiative. Please pray about and consider this invitation and then express your willingness to participate if you wish. For those interested in participating in the conference, please contact the parish office at 613 258 3377 or via email at holycrosskemptville@gmail.com. Our goal is to gather a group representative group of parishioners, old and new, established and enquiring. From those who express interest, selections will be made to achieve that representation. The conference will take place:

Future Search Conference – Holy Cross Parish Hall
3rd and 4th November 2023
7:30 to PM 9:30, Friday, November 3rd
8:45 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday, November 4th
A meal and refreshment will be provided.



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THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

LITTLE ONES' WORD
♥ MATTHEW 22:1-14 ♥

Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven being like a king who prepared a wedding feast. The king sent his servants to those people who had been invited, but they were too busy and did not care about it so did not go to the wedding. Then, the king ordered his servants to bring people from the streets. The feast was eventually filled with guests. Jesus is inviting us to be ready to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us follow Jesus' ways by helping others and being kind and loving.

Visit the Holy Cross website to learn more about the Gospel. www.holycrossng.com



Sacred Vessels – Next Steps

For the last few Sundays the newly-restored sacred vessels have been on display in the church. We will soon start using them for Sunday Mass, after many decades! The restored vessels are called “ciboria” and are used for the consecrated Sacred Hosts. The vessel used for the Precious Blood is called a “chalice”. The parish has several chalices, some of them of quite an age and of high quality, but all of them are too tarnished to use. Father Andrew Shim used his own personal chalice, which is now with him in his new parish. Father Raymond brought a chalice of his own, which is currently being used. The parish though should have its own chalices – which it does! – but they need to be restored before they can be used. Polishing and re-plating in silver and/or gold is expensive, about \$800 per chalice. Once restored, they should last for a long time. The chalice restoration will proceed in the months ahead. If any parishioners would like to make a special donation toward the restoration of our chalices, please let the parish office know.



Save a Life!

“If you or someone you know is facing a crisis pregnancy, please call 613 830-8623 or 613 231-5683 for confidential, compassionate help.”

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024

War at any time or place is a great sorrow, even when it is necessary to defend justice and the common good. A war in the Holy Land, as is now going on between Israel and Hamas, is doubly sad in the land where God accomplished our redemption. The Holy Mass this past Thursday at Holy Cross was offered for peace. Regarding the planned parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February 2024, Father Raymond was in contact with the agency in Toronto as well as the agency in Jerusalem. At the moment, both are overwhelmed with the needs of groups that are currently there, or scheduled for this month or next. In a few weeks time more information should be available and our agencies better able to respond to whether we should proceed. In the mean time, do remember to pray for peace!

Human Dignity in the Marketplace

For fifteen years, Father Raymond has been affiliated with Cardus, Canada's leading Christian public policy think tank. With offices in Hamilton and Ottawa, Cardus has roots in the Dutch Reformed community in Canada, but is ecumenical in its membership and approach. Father Raymond is a Senior Fellow in the Work and Economics program at Cardus. In that capacity, he is offering four lectures over the next few months on "Human Dignity in the Marketplace". The first lecture, on the value of work, will take place on Wednesday, 18th October 2023, at the Cardus offices, 45 Rideau Street, Ottawa. Further information: [Human Dignity in the Marketplace: A Lecture Series \(Part 1\) | Cardus](#)



Women's Fall Retreat 2023

14th Annual Women's Fall Retreat, Sat., Oct. 21, 9am-3:30pm, Holy Cross Church, 503 Clothier St., Kemptville, ON. Miriam Wright, a well-known speaker, will encourage us to respond wholeheartedly to the call of Jesus, the Bridegroom: "Arise, My Beloved, Come!" (Song of "Songs 2:10), so that we may come to love as we are loved. Cost (\$70) includes three keynote addresses and follow up discussions, plus lunch and snacks. Register at www.womensfallretreat.com.



"Come and See"

Have you ever found yourself feeling a little lost, lonely, disconnected? Are you maybe sensing no special purpose in your life, or searching for meaning, or in need of a friend, or wanting a new breath of air in your life? Well you may not be alone. So let's do dinner!

Consider joining in on a **"Come and See"** dinner on Thursday, 19 October 2023 being hosted at Holy Cross Parish Hall. This event will start with a meal shared with other people at your table. This is a great way to meet new friends. Following the meal there will be a video presentation titled **"Is There More To Life Than This?"** and ending with a discussion on the subject of the video.

This very dynamic and well developed video presentation is part of the Alpha Film Series that explores the fundamentals of the Christian life. Come as you are, bring a friend as everyone is welcome to attend. If you have taken Alpha before, invite someone and accompany them to the dinner. You can feel at home and comfortable to just come and listen. You are under no obligation to participate in anything beyond your comfort zone. You will not be contacted in any way after the event, unless you would like to participate in other sessions.

The **Come and See dinner event is from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. There is not cost. Come enjoy a delicious meal in a caring, friendly environment. To register or get additional information contact : Al MacEachern at Tel: 613-913-2104 or at the Parish Office at 613-258-3377, or by Email: allen.maceachern1@gmail.com, or register on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance. We look forward to meeting you.



HOLY *Rosary*

Monday Evenings in October
7 PM in the church

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Liturgy Schedule

| Date | Day | Time | Mass Intention |
|--------|-------|----------|--|
| 14 Oct | Sat | 5:00 pm | Holy Mass - Denyse McNally |
| 15 Oct | Sun | 9:00 am | For the People |
| | | 11:00 am | Holy Mass - Bob & Gina Juneau & John & Carol Rouillard |
| 16 Oct | Mon | 8:15 am | Holy Mass - Luke Morin |
| 17 Oct | Tues | No Mass | |
| 18 Oct | Wed | 8:15 am | Holy Mass - the Protection of Priests |
| 19 Oct | Thurs | 8:15 am | Holy Mass - Kimberly Wilson |
| 20 Oct | Fri | 6:00 pm | Adoration & Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Holy Mass - Dearly Departed Souls |
| 21 Oct | Sat | 5:00 pm | Holy Mass - Dianne Fox |
| 22 Oct | Sun | 9:00 am | For the People |
| | | 11:00 am | Holy Mass - George Innes |

Mass Attendance History - 2nd Sunday in October

| Year | Dates | 5 PM | 9 AM | 11 AM | Total |
|------|-----------|------|------|-------|------------|
| 2019 | Oct 12/13 | 110 | 187 | 159 | 389 |
| 2020 | Oct 10/11 | 31 | 47 | 63 | 141 |
| 2021 | Oct 9/10 | 87 | 68 | 66 | 221 |
| 2022 | Oct 8/9 | 62 | 97 | 108 | 267 |
| 2023 | Oct 7/8 | 52 | 99 | 148 | 299 |

Prayers requested for those in need of healing

(June 2023 to September 2023 List)

Names in **Bold** indicate that they were newly added

John Berendsen; Desneiges Bekkers; Linda Bekkers; Dora Birtch; Isabella Boles
 George Breau; Alain Brizard; Noela Cleroux; **Elizabeth Fleury**; Marc Dennis
 Tom Doyle; Chantale Fetch; Ryan Forbes; **Randy Fulton**; Bob Galvin
 Joan Gaudaur; Ken Laverty; Marie McRorie; Melissa Heil; Karen Hill
 Christine Johnston; Gregory Langley; Dean Latourell; Ruby Leach
 Nathan Livingstone; Pam MacDonald; Paul Mahabir; John Mondoux
 Hilary Morey; Matthew Patrick; Fran Pickard; Cecile Prodonick
 Michael Prosciak; Joe Ryan; Joyce Seguin; Nancy Steele; Ann Rodney
 Patricia Sawarna; Mary-Jane Stinson; Wiesia Stobiedzki; Ellen Vibert; Matt Zanutta

Pray for those who have died:

Baby Blake

To add or remove a name please see Prayer Intentions Form on our Website.

In order to keep our prayer request list current and up to date, entries will only be posted for 4 months, after that they will be automatically removed. If you wish to keep them on the prayer list you may do so by