

Holy Cross Bulletin – 5 January 2025



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Father de Souza Away

Due to various reasons, Father Raymond was not able to take vacation in 2024, so he will be away from just after Christmas (30th December) to visit his family in Calgary. Please welcome Father Brian McNally in his absence.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

On Friday, Jan.10, Holy Cross will be serving a soup and sandwich lunch with Old – Fashioned Gingerbread with Lemon Crème Sauce for dessert.* Volunteers are needed to prepare food, serve and clean up. Lunch begins at 11:30 at St. John's Church Hall. Call Fran Brauneisen (613-258-4804) if you have questions or wish to volunteer your services. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Recipe available on request or at the back of the church



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."



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The Epiphany of Our Lord

LITTLE ONES' WORD

♥ MT 2: 1-12 ♥

On the 12th day of Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This day celebrates the coming of the Magi - the three wise men, who followed a star and came to adore Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Epiphany reminds us of how special Jesus is and that if we follow Him, we will never go astray!



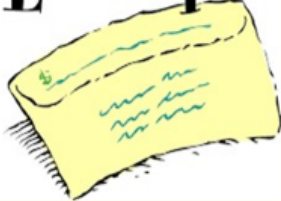
Visit the Holy Cross website to learn more about the Epiphany. www.holycrossng.com

Christmas Gratitude

The church looks magnificent with the Christmas decorations in place, including the Nativity scene. The gratitude of the parish is extended to all those who worked hard on getting everything ready: Joe Bennett, Allen MacEachern, Liz MacEachern, Darren Frank, Bill Kinnear, Nancy Tremblay & Francine Boyce who did the decorations of the trees, and our sacristans – Louise Heil, Joanne Seymour, Sharry Livingstone, Bridget Barry.

Also, many thanks to our parish choirs, and John Evans for Christmas morning for enhancing our worship throughout Advent and for the Solemn Feast of Christmas. We extend appreciation too to our altar servers, under the capable direction of Richard Miron, our greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and those managing the screens and live-streaming.

Offering Envelopes



2025 Contribution Envelopes

Your contribution envelopes for the New Year are available at the entrance of the church. Please take your envelopes when you are at Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Should your envelopes not be there, please contact the parish office. Also, if you are new to the parish, please go to our website at holycrossng.com. On the bottom of the first page you will see "Contact Us."

For those on PAR, you will find a small box of envelopes that have special collection envelopes for supporting Church, Diocese and Parish collections.

Contact Information

A warm welcome to those who have recently joined us here at Holy Cross, and who may also be new to our community. We are happy to have you with us. We invite you to visit your website at holycrossng.com. If you scroll down you will find a "Contact Us" box that will lead to you a contact form where **you can register your family** and select ways to financially contribute to the parish.

For those of us who have been here for a while, we ask you to consider **"updating your information"** using the same contact form. Over time you may have changed your address, email address, your telephone numbers and a number of other things that may have changed. This is an easy way for us to update your information. With your email address we can send you the electronic version of your weekly bulletin and contact you for any special announcements.

Again to all our new parishioners welcome the Holy Cross Parish and to Kemptville.

Welcome
we're glad you're here

December 2024 Revenue - Lord's Day Offerings, Christmas & Donations

Credit Card Contributions Online	\$1,611.74
Canada Helps – Credit Card	\$506.38
PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance	\$5,775.00
Lord's Day Collections at Mass	\$23,735.00
Christmas Offerings	\$9,785.00
Building Fund	\$320.00
Other: E-transfers, rebates & Account Interest	\$1,556.33
TOTAL - November 2024	\$43,288.45

Christmas Mass Attendance History - December

Year	5:00/6:00 PM	7:30/8:30 PM	Midnight	10 AM	Total
2019	418	185	165	165	933
2020	118	0	0	72	193
2021	0	105	65	54	224
2022	164	62	70	106	402
2023	209	140	108	160	617
2024	313	170	86	136	717

Mass Attendance History - 5th Sunday in December 2024

Year	Dates	5 PM	9 AM	11 AM	Total
2019	Dec 21/22	82	140	120	342
2020	Dec 24/25	118	Christmas Masses		118
2021	Dec 25/26	Christmas	44	86	130
2022	Dec 24/25		Christmas Masses		0
2023	Dec 23/24	133	160	0	293
2024	Dec 28/29	61	86	166	313

Mass Intentions - Online Mass Requests

Requests for Masses can be made online on our parish website. You may also pay for requests with e-transfer at mass@holycrossng.com This e-transfer link is only for Masses. Requesting Masses can also be done using Mass request envelopes found at the back of the church and placing them in the collections basket at Mass, or by calling or emailing the parish office at **Tel: 613-258-3377** or Email: holycrosskemptville@gmail.com

Tap this image to take you to the Mass request form!

Prayers requested for those in need of healing

(September 2024 to December 2024 List)

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

Kevin Arcand; Paula Dale Asselin; Christine Barbe; Isabella Boles; Jane Bowes
George Breau; Bernie Brennan; Jim Brennan; Aaliyah Brown; Normand Buckle
Pamela Burman; Victoria Burman; Noela Cleroux; Gary Dinelle; Tom Doyle
Owen Elyea; Timothy English; Blanche Ferguson; Steven Filep; Bob Galvin; Joan Gaudaur
Suzy Filip Fred Goodwin; Voilet Filip-Gottberg; Melissa Heil
June Hermann; Pete Hoy; Blanche Huycke; Shannon Iadonardi; Helen Jaroslawski
Teddy Kelly; Alison Juneau; Nathan Livingstone; Diane Mason; Paul Mahabir; Jackson Marleau
Maureen; Ryan McCorkell; Mary Lou Millette; Tim Meighen; Carole Menard; Hilary Morey
Mary Jane Morin; Joey O'Connor; Patricia O'Farrell; Mathew Patrick; Cecile Prodonick
Michael Prosciak; Melanie Rabishaw; Gilles Racine; Guy Roberge; Ann Rodney
Patricia Sawarna; Joyce Seguin; Phil Seymour; Carolyn Selleck; Jeniffer Smades-Bruton
Alicia Smith; Nancy Steele; Mary-Jane Stinson; Rikie Streng; Steve Tremblay
Fred Turcotte; Judy Vahey; Wiesia Stobiedzki; John Vitkuske; Bernie Wichers

Pray for those who have died:

Steven Falsetto; son of Sally & John Falsetto

Mary Payne; mother of Margaret Mountain

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,

Liturgy Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention
4 Jan	Sat	9:00 am	First Saturday - Holy Mass - Bob Cassidy
		5:00 pm	Holy Mass - John O'Neill
5 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	Holy Mass - Gary Woolsey
		11:00 am	Holy Mass - For the People
6 Jan	Mon		No Mass
7 Jan	Tues		No Mass
8 Jan	Wed		No Mass
9 Jan	Thurs		No Mass
10 Jan	Fri		No Mass
11 Jan	Sat	5:00 pm	Holy Mass - Herman Jansen
12 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	Holy Mass - For the People
		11:00 am	Holy Mass - Ed Best
13 Jan	Mon		No Mass
14 Jan	Tues		No Mass
15 Jan	Wed		No Mass
16 Jan	Thurs		No Mass
17 Jan	Fri		No Mass
18 Jan	Sat	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - For the People
19 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	Holy Mass - Members of Falsetto & Lavery Families
		11:00 am	Holy Mass - Ed Best