



PARISH BULLETIN: 12 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

*“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. 11 5:00PM Mass –Dolores Nino+
Janine Piller+
Lily Solomon+
- Sun., Sept. 12 **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS**
8:00AM Mass – Olga Jourdan+
Arlette Da Silva+
10:00AM **FESTIVAL MASS**
- Wed., Sept. 15 12:15PM Mass – Marilyn Croteau-Hayes+
- Thurs., Sept. 16 12:15PM Mass – Diogene Theard+
- Fri., Sept. 17 11:30AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Fr. Peter Cody (Ivg)
Amuthan & Arjuna Lena (Ivg)
Lawrence Nycholat+
- Sat., Sept. 18 5:00PM Mass – Alfonso Seangio+
- Sun., Sept. 19 **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Douglas Heney+
Christian Dumoulin+
Ken Castle+
Ofelia Velarde+
- Wed., Sept. 22 12:15PM Mass – Danielle Sicard+
- Thurs., Sept. 23 12:15PM Mass – Renée Gardner+
- Fri., Sept. 24 11:30AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – In Thanksgiving
Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (Ivg)
Grace & Charles Davis+
Danielle Sicard+
- Sat., Sept. 25 5:00PM Mass – Marilyn Croteau-Hayes+
- Sun., Sept. 26 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
Hamilton Sequeira+
F. E. Lane+

Pastor’s Message...

CROSS OF “LOVE”

The original name of today’s feast was the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**, by which name it is still known in the Orthodox Church and the Eastern Catholic Churches. Since 1970, it has been called the **Triumph of the Cross**. The feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 325 by St. Helena, Mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built and dedicated at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine, with a portion of the cross placed inside it.

In 614, that portion of the cross was carried away from the church by the Persians and remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. The cross was returned to the church the following year. The date used for this feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. In this festival, the cross itself was brought outside the church, so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross and all could come forward to venerate it.

Saint John says, "God loved the world that He gave his only Son". What better symbol of the love can we get than the symbol of the Cross. Jesus died on the Cross of shame and hatred. The Cross of Christ is the cross of love. When Jesus Christ tells us to carry our own crosses, isn't it an invitation to share in His love?

What a privilege to celebrate this feast as we are going through the cross of this pandemic. The Cross is not the end; The Resurrection is the destiny. Our parish has stood up against all challenges for the last 52 years. Our church is the symbol of those who are willing to stand beside the cross along with our blessed Mother who treasured everything in her heart... Let us be proud to profess our faith in the power of the cross. We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by thy Holy Cross thou has redeemed the whole world.

I wish all of you the blessings of the feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

Fr. Lukose CMF and Jean Paul CMF

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION:

Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are asked to attend a **MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION MEETING** on **Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. (arrive 30 minutes early)** in the Church. Please note that **your child must be baptised Catholic** in order to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. It is **important that you bring a copy (not original) of your child’s Catholic Baptismal certificate with you to this meeting.**



Parish News and Community Life...



KIDS MINISTRY: Welcome back! We sure have missed you! While social distancing stops us from meeting face to face right now, here’s what we CAN do! Coming soon on the parish website and Flocknote communication tool, is a Youth section. Here you will find links to activities, readings, videos, songs, games and the like

for families to share with their kids about our Catholic faith. Stay tuned this month to sign-up for regular notifications, and to communicate with other families. Info: kidsministry@holycrossparish.com.

THANKS to Tony Labadie for looking after our parking lot repairs and parking signs.

THANKS to our Children's Liturgy team for posting our Sunday Liturgy materials on our website. I encourage parents to set apart time to teach our faith at this pandemic time.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to Mary Curley. May God bless you and your family. You deserve a good party!!

A NOTE ON PASTORAL LETTERS

People ask for pastoral references for various purposes. A pastoral letter is an affirmation of your active commitment to the parish on various levels. It obviously means that you are a registered parishioner supporting the parish in its sacramental and communitarian faith journey and the pastor of the parish affirms it.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES: Holy Cross has renewed the **FORMED website access for another year**. Through FORMED On Demand, you now have convenient access to a vast library of high quality and regularly updated films, talks, eBooks, and audio dramas, all of which will enrich your faith. Parishioners are invited to explore the many Catholic videos, audio recordings, movies, and books. Go to our parish website to join FORMED for FREE.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST (TAKEOUT): The Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast (takeout) on Sunday, September 26 at both the 8 and 10 am Masses.

Social Justice...

ELIMU: Nina Chung and Elimu announce the arrival of the Kenyan Artisan Ragdoll into Canada. The dolls are handsewn by Elimu sewing students and graduates. The dolls are a fundraiser for Elimu. \$100 donation gets you one doll and a tax receipt valued at \$80. Learn more at www.elimu.ca or call Nina at 613-863-4609.

Other interests...

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE: Check out our new youth ministry website at <https://en.archoc.ca/youth-ministry>, featuring events, resources and groups for youth, young adults and parents. Find a youth or young adult group online or in your area! For info, contact Andriano De Luca (Ottawa area) at adeluca@archottawa.ca or Debbie Plant (Cornwall area) at dplant@alexandria-cornwall.ca.

BECOME A STUDENT OF ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY - OTTAWA CAMPUS: The Encounter School of Ministry - Ottawa Campus is now accepting registration for Fall 2021. The school offers a dynamic 2-year, once-a-week training program designed to teach, equip, and activate you in the full supernatural lifestyle of Jesus so that you can walk

with God in intimacy and demonstrate His love and power to the world around you! At 33 Aurora Cres., Ottawa. Tuesday evenings, September 21 to May 2022. For further inquiries go to ottawa@encounterschool.org and for registration go to <https://encounterschool.org/apply/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For **BAPTISMS** – contact the office.
- For **FUNERALS** – contact the office. Please note that the parish hall is not available for funeral receptions
- One-hour **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** from 11 – 12 noon on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month
- Half hour **ADORATION**, every Friday of the month from 11:30 – 12 noon
- **CONFESSION** will be available every Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm or make an appointment
- For the dates of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** please check our parish website

YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

For your convenience, there are several methods in supporting the Parish:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Payment (PAD). For PAD forms, please call the parish office.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: office@holycrossparish.com

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



Direct Your **United Way Contributions** to Holy Cross Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to Holy Cross? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to Holy Cross Parish, 685

Walkley Rd., Ottawa, ON K1V 6R8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well. Charity Name: Holy Cross Parish/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0012

SAINT OF THE MONTH—ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEPTEMBER 27

Saint Vincent is the founder of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians). Born in France in 1580, Vincent attended university and was ordained at 20. His first inclination was to earn a good income, but appointed to the Queen's household, he came under the influence of Bérulle (later Cardinal) and became a changed man. Vincent devoted the rest of his life to acts of charity. He organized groups to provide food and clothing for all who were poor, orphans, prostitutes, the sick, the disabled, the homeless. He established a congregation to preach and to train clergy. He collected large sums of money for his many projects and his influence spread from France across Europe. He died in

1660, was canonized in 1737 and is a patron saint of charitable societies.



PLEASE NOTE that we will be publishing our parish bulletin bi-weekly until further notice. Be sure to also check our parish website for all upcoming events and updates.