

ALPHA Course

"Come and See" Dinner

Sunday, 19 January 2020

5:00 PM – Holy Cross Parish Hall

Our upcoming "Come and See" Dinner is for everyone. Families with children are encouraged to attend. There will be activities for all ages.

This dinner will start with a meal, consisting of a salad, a main course, followed by some desert. One of the best things about ALPHA is the meal. We will be organized in small table groups. Everyone will dine together. After the meal, the adults and older teens watch a video exploring the question "Is There More To Life Than This?" The older children will go with a group leader, to explore and learn more about the faith. The younger children will also go with a group leader to participate in fun faith activities. Parents can keep infants or small children with them if they choose to do so.

The evening begins at 5:00 PM and will conclude at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to come a bit early so that everyone can get settled and allow the meal to begin on time. There is no cost, nor is there any commitment beyond the first evening.

You may register online on our web site: holycrossng.com

or by Email: alphakemptville@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed

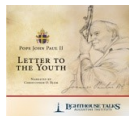
"to help take down Christmas Decoration"

Following the 11 am mass on 12 January 2020 we will be taking down the Christmas decorations.

Joe Bennett who will be coordinating this event is looking for volunteers to help. Thank You.

Catholic Talks on Compact Disc added to the Kiosk January 2020

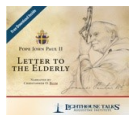
"Letter to the Youth" by Pope John Paul II



Pope John Paul II's papacy is marked by the ways he engaged with and was loved by the youth. Scores of young people were drawn to him from around the world by a magnetism that continues even today, in his sainthood. In his letter to the youth of the world, John Paul offers young people his encouragement to respond to Jesus' call to follow Him during this unique and critically important time of life. To them he writes: "In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belongs to you."

Parishioner Comments: "As a young adult, it is beautiful to hear St. John Paul II's thoughts and words to young people in this same stage of life. His wisdom and inspiration to the youth continue in this letter, and in his intercession."

"Letter to the Elderly" by Pope John Paul II



In 1978, Pope John Paul II became one of the youngest popes ever elected. At the time of his death in 2005, he was also one of the longest serving popes, having lived into his early 80s. From his own experience of growing old and only five and a half years before his death, John Paul wrote and shared this moving letter, addressed "To my elderly brothers and sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beauty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly," he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it."

Parishioner Comments: Hearing this letter read aloud, I was moved; Pope John Paul II's wisdom, insights, and heart come to life again, in this letter for all. St. JP II, pray for us.

Pray for those in need of healing

To add or remove names see "prayer for the sick list" in Narthex

Elaine Anderson; Kevin Arcand; Shirley Arcand; Albinas Beres; Georgette Berube; Anne Brennan
Bernie Brennan; Doreen Bugyra; Clare Doyle; Barbara Finlayson; Ryan Forbes; Jean Marc Fortin
Martin Gaudet; May Gauthier; Karen Hill; Shirley Howard; Erroll Kennedy; Gregory Langley; Jackie Leduc
Nathan Livingstone; Harold MacDonald; Paul Mahabir; Dolores Martin; Pauline More; Hilary Morey
Shawna Nickerson; Elena Nisi; Ann Oakley; Evelyn O'Neill; Gord Payne; Ken Payne; Fran Pickard
Heather Racine; Irma Roberge; Dorothy Ryan; Maurice Seguin; Pat Shafer; Sharon Tanguay
Jeannette Twolan; Maria Vallee; Scott Walker; Keith Wheatley; Travis Wilson; Rosalie Wiseman; Betty Wright

Pray for those who have died

Get set for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten registration week takes place January 13th to 17th 2020 for students beginning Kindergarten in September 2020. All schools will be hosting open house events to give prospective students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour the school, learn about the kindergarten program, and meet staff! Please visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of dates and times.

Liturgy Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention
4 Jan	Sat	5:00 pm	Isabelle Vink
5 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	For the People
		11:00 am	Don Currie
6 Jan	Mon	No Mass Scheduled	
7 Jan	Tue	No Mass Scheduled	
8 Jan	Wed	No Mass Scheduled	
9 Jan	Thur	No Mass Scheduled	
10 Jan	Fri	No Mass Scheduled	
11 Jan	Sat	5:00 pm	Marie Bennett
12 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	For the People
		11:00 am	Donald Wales
13 Jan	Mon	No Mass Scheduled	
14 Jan	Tue	No Mass Scheduled	
15 Jan	Wed	No Mass Scheduled	
16 Jan	Thur	No Mass Scheduled	
17 Jan	Fri	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions
		7:00 pm	Lucille Miron
18 Jan	Sat	5:00 pm	For the People
19 Jan	Sun	9:00 am	Mary Higgins
		11:00 am	Sylvie Gundy

Homily Series - "Baggage"

Forgiveness is a basic tenant of our creed. Each week we profess to believe in the "forgiveness of sins." Yet, while "forgiveness" itself is very simple concept, it can also feel complicated.

This week read:
Matthew 18:21-35
and reflect on the following:



Forgiveness does not have a limit - *Math 18: 21-22*
"Not seven times but seventy times seven"

Forgiveness is simply cancelling a debt
Matthew 18:23-25

Other people who owe us a debt that they may or may not be able to pay - *Matthew 18: 28-30*
Your ability to live in Gods forgiveness is intimately connected to your ability to forgive others from the heart. Forgiving from the heart takes time.

Matthew 18:31-35

When it comes to forgiveness, we are at one of three stages.

*The **first** stage is denial.*

*The **second** stage of forgiveness would be acknowledging that forgiveness would be helpful, but you have not done it yet or don't know how.*

*The **third** stage is to actually go ahead and do it. I am going o cancel the debt.*

Where are you in that process?