



NEW HOMILY SERIES: “IM POSSIBLE”, our new Homily Series for Easter. Join us!

What to do when you can't believe what's happening ... The death of the Lord on the Cross brought a crisis of faith for his friends and followers. It was the end of the world as they had known it, as well as the death of all their hopes and dreams. Then something even more unbelievable happened. Something that seemed impossible. Easter celebrates the impossible things God can do in the midst of a crisis.

Join us for the homily series breakout session online. Visit our web page to Sign up. Our two sessions will be on Mondays: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. Each session will last for 1.5 hrs.

The online details of how to participate will be sent to you on Sunday.

As you are aware, our **Parish Sunday Mass** is available online starting Saturday evening 5 pm on our web page and Facebook page. Please note that you do not have to have Facebook to access the masses. In this way, we can prayerfully be united in our homes to celebrate our faith together.

Parish web page: <https://www.holycrossng.com/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/holycrosschurchkemptville/>

If you know of anyone who does not have email, and maybe not able to get out and about, please try and keep them up to date on what is happening, and see if there is a way for them to view the Sunday mass on line.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrew Shim p.p.

Parish Update

With the necessary measure of canceling public masses, as a parish, we have also lost our main stream of revenue through Sunday offertory collections to pay our bills. A big thank you to those who signed up for PAR (*Pre-Authorized Remittance, see web page for details*) since November of 2019, that has been an enormous help of having a reliable stream of income. With the cancellation of two weekends, our March 2020 ordinary collection was down 33% in comparison to 2019.

We know everyone is on a tight budget these days, but we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to financially support the parish at this time. There are several options for making your contributions, all of which can be found on our web page.

To adjust to our rapidly changing environment, this past week we have set up a new method in which people can use their cell phones to Text in their offertory. This method has been available to us since we started with the Breeze Church Management System back in November 2019. “Text-to-donate” as it is popularly called, is the method I am talking about (*I know it is not for everybody, but it is good fit for a segment of our population who are comfortable with the new technology*). It’s actually quite simple to use and your donations get entered into our tax receipt (*Breeze*) system automatically. Simply go into your text message app on your cell phone and in the (*To: area*) enter in the telephone number 613- 777-6341, then simply text the word “**GIVE**” and then follow the instructions. More information is also available on our web page.

Other methods include Pre-Authorized Remittance – In order to enrol in the program, kindly print and complete the form found on our web page and either mail it or drop it off to the Parish Office (mailbox at the rectory).

1. Online donations through the Canada Helps website. Canada Helps is a trusted charity that provides a secure online fundraising platform for charities and donors in Canada since 2000.
2. Text-to-Give – Text “GIVE” to (613) 777-6341 or Text an amount to (613) 777-6341. Further information is available on the web site.
3. You can also drop your envelope off to the Parish Office (mailbox at the rectory)
4. As a final option, we accept e-transfers. Simply direct your e-transfer to holycross-kemptville@gmail.com.

All these methods of giving have a cost. Some costs are inhouse, like opening envelopes and entering the data into the system. The online methods usually have a small cost depending on if they issue the tax receipt. *The online method that has the most manual handling (and therefore most prone to human error) is the e-transfer method. All the other online methods, you are in direct control.*

As always, income tax receipts are issued for contributions to our parish.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish during this difficult time.

Pray for those in need of healing

(Please note: This is our regular prayer list, it does not mean they have covid-19 virus)

To **add** or **remove** a name please email me at holycrosskemptville@gmail.com

Elaine Anderson; Kevin Arcand; Shirley Arcand; Robert Barbe; Albinas Beres
Georgette Berube; Anne Brennan; Bernie Brennan; Doreen Bugyra; Norma Burke
Bill Corrigan; Simone & Marshal Cosens; Clare Doyle; Jimmy Falsetto
Barbara Finlayson; Ryan Forbes; Jean Marc Fortin; Martin Gaudet
May Gauthier; Karen Hill; Shirley Howard; Anne Howison
Mary Hutchings; Erroll Kennedy; Gregory Langley
Jackie Leduc; Nathan Livingstone; Dorothy Lloyd; Brady Long; Gerald Loughlin
Harold MacDonald; Paul Mahabir; Doloresse Martin; Hilary Morey
Shawna Nickerson; Emily Nilsson; Elena Nisi; Paula Nisi; Ann Oakley
Evelyn O'Neill; Gord Payne; Ken Payne; Kevin Pearson; Gary Porter
Fr. Brian Price; Cecile Prodonick; Heather Racine; Guy Roberge
Irma Roberge; Cyndie Roobol; Dorothy Ryan; Diane Schmitz
Pat Shafer; Brian Telford; Jeannette Twolan; Maria Vallee
Marg Wales; Keith Wheatley; Travis Wilson
Rosalie Wiseman; Betty Wright

Pray for those who have died

Join our Holy Father in praying for an end to this pandemic.

Pray for our health care workers

and all those who are in contact with the public.
(cashiers, food services etc.)

Act of Spiritual Communion

by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen**
