

EXALTATION



Contemporary Worship Group

Something new is happening in the choir loft at the 9 am Mass! Have you heard? We have a contemporary worship group, directed by Richard Beres, who said he “is honoured to have a highly talented group of young people without whose enthusiasm and desire, it simply would not happen.”

The group has been meeting since August. Richard said there has been lots of growth and improvement in everyone and he has been surprised how well they are playing together in such a relatively short period of time. When asked what motivates them

to perform, the immediate replies included praising the Lord through music, having fun, and just being together. Lead singer Nicole Geleynse said she really likes the emotional build and energy which their music brings to Mass. They debuted their music to the parish in late November. One parishioner was heard to say, “I love this new music!”

The level of commitment by the group is considerable; that morning they sang, they arrived at Holy Cross for a warm-up at 7:30 am. They would assemble again at 7:00 pm for their weekly practice. Fr. Shim, musically multi-talented

and gifted, is the advisor to the group and is consulted for music selections.

Along with Richard Beres (electric guitar), Gerry Piette (bass guitar), and Nicole Geleynse (lead singer), the group is composed of Trinity Piette (piano), Melanie Beres (acoustic guitar), Lorne Plooard and Al MacEachern (singers), and Connor Ainsworth (singer, drum) who just recently joined. Richard said they would love more youth to join the contemporary worship group, especially singers who wish to praise the Lord. Are you interested? Please contact Al MacEachern.

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Masses

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

(See Mass intentions & liturgy
 schedule on last page)

Little Ones' Word

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
 of the month at 9:00 am Mass

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register in
 the program.

Confession:

Friday 6:00-7:00 pm is the primary time
 scheduled for confessions.

Matrimony:

Contact the Pastor 9 months in
 advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the parish office to request the
 sacrament.

From the Pastor...

Having spent a week in the warm weather of the Dominican Republic, it is now back to the usual January must-get-done list: diocesan yearend reports (financial & spiritual), CRA payroll, HST, CRA registered charity report, and parishioners 2016 tax receipts.

The leadership team met on 23 January and discussed various topics related to the strategic plan phase 1: Evangelization, Discipleship Formation, Hospitality, Engagement and Communications.

Under communication the leadership team and I are in the process of developing the new look, content and process for our weekly bulletin as well as the monthly parish newsletter "Exaltation".

The plan for the weekly bulletin is that it be a simple B&W document on an 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 page with no graphics. The monthly newsletter "Exaltation" will be a full colour publication that deals with Holy Cross Parish life and the diocese and will feature various ministries, testimonies and articles that pertain to the parish life.

Along with these changes, a new process for the editing and assembly of the content is being implemented. With the new process, items for the weekly bulletin are to be submitted by Wednesday and for the Exaltation newsletter by the 20th of the Month.

We will keep you informed as this progresses.

God bless,

Fr. Andrew B. Shim, p.p.

Little Ones' Word

*Children's Liturgy
 of the Word*



**2nd, 3rd
 & 4th
 Sundays**

at the
 9:00 am
 Mass

Children's Choir

First Sundays

at the 9:00 Mass





Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome Hayden Dunlop, Lincoln Lowry, and Conor Mordy!

Ann Morey, Linen Lady



Little did Ann know that when her mother showed her as a young girl how to iron her Dad’s handkerchiefs, she would use this ability in a ministry at Holy Cross Parish! And like her mother before her, weekly, Ann

gathers up the linens used during Masses and brings them home to wash and iron them. When she carries the fresh linens back into church, some have said it is like she is carrying a baby. Ann said she was first approached to help many years ago when she was a member of the Mother’s Group. Others, such as Lillian Leonard and Lita Cassidy, have also shared the task. She said she has been laundering the linens since before Fr. Shim came to

Holy Cross in 2005 – and she does not mind doing it. She said it is her contribution to the parish community and like St. Thérèse, it is about doing little things with love.

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

As a talented quilter, Ann’s affinity to textiles extends further. Not only has she donated quilts she has made to the Holy Cross Bazaar, she has sewn Confirmation stoles for candidates and made altar linens, such as the purificators used to wipe the Chalice.

Thank you, Ann, for your “behind the scenes” service to Holy Cross Parish!

Welcome to Holy Cross Parish Community

We believe that all are called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not *where* a person is on that journey, but actually *being* on the journey itself.

Our Purpose

To raise up disciples who joyfully live out the Great Commission give to the Church by Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

Holy Cross Parish is a healthy, vibrant, enthusiastic, and growing faith community who welcomes all and brings people to Christ, forms disciples and sends them out to transform the world. Every member is committed to worship, to grow, to engage, and to give.

New Members Welcome

If you are new to our parish and would like to register, please see one of our greeters or fill in one of the communication cards available at the entrance. Also available are copies of our Pastoral Vision.

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Holy Cross Youth

Next Cross Roads:

Salt & Light: Flashlight Tag

Friday, February 17
7-9 pm @ Holy Cross School Gym

for Grades 6-8



Please pray for our **13 Confirmation candidates** on the New Life Retreat next weekend. Also for the 13 team members and 6 teen helpers.

Emma Bonneau ~ Alexander Gardiner ~ Evan Graham ~ Emily Hallman ~ Joshua Hوجلund ~ Andrew Naphan ~ Nathan Panek ~ Anik Power ~ Hayden Smith ~ Joshua Steller ~ Jayde Tassugat ~ Gabryelle Willis ~ Lillie Wilson

Our prayers for the Teens New Life weekend include a willingness for all to receive the gifts that God has waiting for us. We pray for our retreat members as well as their family and friends to be filled with the blessings of the Holy Spirit. We pray for courage, strength and hearts seeking the way of Jesus as we proclaim and live out the gospel in joyful community. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Parish Survey, Update #2

In the Parish Survey conducted late November and early December, you may have noticed that questions fit into categories and built upon each other in stages.

If we consider these stages in the shape of a pyramid, at the base, or stage 1, is the category which asked *What do I get?* This asked you if your spiritual needs were met and whether you know what is expected of you as a parishioner.

The second level (from the bottom of the pyramid) asked *What do I give?* There were questions asked about encouraging your development, how leaders care, whether you were recognized last month and if you think there is opportunity to do what you do best.

The third level of this pyramid concerned *Do I belong?* You may recall questions about best friend, members committed to spiritual growth,

parish mission and whether your opinions count.

At the pinnacle of the pyramid, the survey explored *How can we grow?* Here, the questions concerned opportunities to learn and grow and your progress in the last six months.

There were also demographic questions asked of you in this confidential and anonymous survey. They help us to understand the diversity in our Parish and how we have so many different needs to serve in our journey of life.

The Leadership Team will now take some time to analyze the results of our very first parish engagement and spiritual commitment survey. We will keep you informed as we more fully assess our Parish strengths and weaknesses and create an Impact Plan. Again, thank you sincerely to all in our Parish Community who participated in the survey.



The Parish Engagement Pyramid

Lenten Evening Retreat
at Holy Cross Church

March 5

Start Lent off with a mini spiritual retreat. Short video meditations by Fr. John Bartunek in the hall, followed by quiet times in the church for personal prayer and reflection. More details to follow.



July 24-28, 2017

A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments – Jesus in my Heart

Holy Cross Church is again planning a kids Bible camp this summer for children 4-10 and is also looking for junior leaders 14+ and junior leaders in training (11-13). Activities include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, drama, music, friendship & much more! \$60 morning, \$120 full days, including lunch and snacks. Registration forms will be available soon in the display in the narthex.

We are also looking for adult leaders to help. There is lots to help with, both during camp and preparing ahead... many hands make light work. If you can help even for a few hours, please get in touch.

For more info, email: HolyCrossBibleCamp@gmail.com or contact Mary-Anne Leang @ 613-612-1848

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ALPHA



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 if you would like to host one.

“Come and See” Dinner

We had an overwhelming response to our “Come and See” dinner, as part of the Alpha program held in the Parish Hall this past Thursday evening. We were blessed with approximately 60 guests, and with the team had over 80 people for dinner.

This “Come and See” dinner was the beginning of our second Alpha Course being held here at Holy Cross. This first evening was a great experience for some of the team members, after having the benefit and familiarity of being a part of the original team for our first course. Also, approximately half of this new team consists of volunteers who had taken the first course. Alpha is designed to be an ongoing evangelization process that provides opportunities for all people to be involved and gain experience through various levels of participation of their choosing.

We are very excited about this new course and how the Lord will work within this group to change lives. Please keep the guests and Alpha Team in your prayers.

About Alpha

A typical Alpha evening starts with a meal shared with people in small

table groups, followed by a video presentation related to fundamental aspect of our Christian faith, followed by a discussion on the video at each of the small table groups. A typical session lasts two hours. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, develop relationships and share various aspects of the Christian faith, in an environment that is welcoming, caring and extremely hospitable to all who are searching.

We plan to run the large Alpha course at least two times a year at Holy Cross going forward. These will happen in the fall and early in the New Year on an ongoing basis. We encourage everyone to attend a “Come and See” dinner when the opportunity arises, to experience an Alpha evening and decide if the Alpha program is for you. This provides an excellent opportunity to bring a friend or loved one to explore and experience the basics of our Christian faith.

Today Jesus is calling each and everyone of us, in the same manner in which He called His first disciples to “Come and See.”

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North Grenville Community Sweetheart Brunch



Sunday, February 12

The Knights of Columbus invite you to the nineteenth annual Sweetheart Brunch at the North Grenville Municipal Centre. Brunch is served from **8:30 am – 1:00 pm**. Live entertainment! CashDraws! Lots of fun! Tickets are available at Scotiabank, Colonnade, Kemptville, where all sales will be matched by the Bank. **Adults \$10, Children 6 – 11, \$5; Under 6, free.** Profits support several Community groups and initiatives. Hope to see you there!

*“To all who were involved in the Knights of Columbus Sweetheart Brunch last year: my heartfelt thanks for the tremendous effort given by so many! The results of this event resonate well into the community with the sense of fellowship of those that are able to attend, as well as the donations that are made to community organizations. The past donations that **Kemptville & District Home Support** received have made a huge impact on our clients. We need to raise over \$50,000 per year and our costs continue to increase in many areas, one of which has been Meals on Wheels. Last year we delivered over 3,500 Meals on Wheels to people throughout the Municipality; and, with thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus we have been able to keep the cost at the same rate for the past several years. Again, thank you to all!”*
 ~ Susan Smith, Executive Director, Kemptville & District Home Support



Knights of Columbus Monthly Supper

**Wednesday
1 February 2017**

The monthly suppers take place on the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The menu consists of a Main Course, Veggies, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages.

Adults \$8 – Child \$5
– Family \$25

For menu details, please call Gilles at 613-258-2390

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Thank you from Nigeria

Catholic Diocese of Aba
St. Gall Parish Itungwa
25/12/2016

Dear Fr. Andrew Shim,

Seasons greetings from Nigeria.

I am Rev. Fr. Jude Ifeadiro, the parish priest of St Gall, Itungwa, in Aba diocese, Nigeria.

On behalf of my parishioners I wish to express our profound appreciation to you for your benevolence. We received the gifts you sent to us through Rev. Fr. Stephen Chilaka; our former parish priest. Thank you.

Our hearts are filled with joy and our eyes flow with tears of joy. You thought of us and sought to put smile on our faces. You have lightened our burden. You rekindled our hope and fill our hearts with feelings of beauty and love. Those gifts, indeed, have made deep spiritual and moral impacts in our lives.

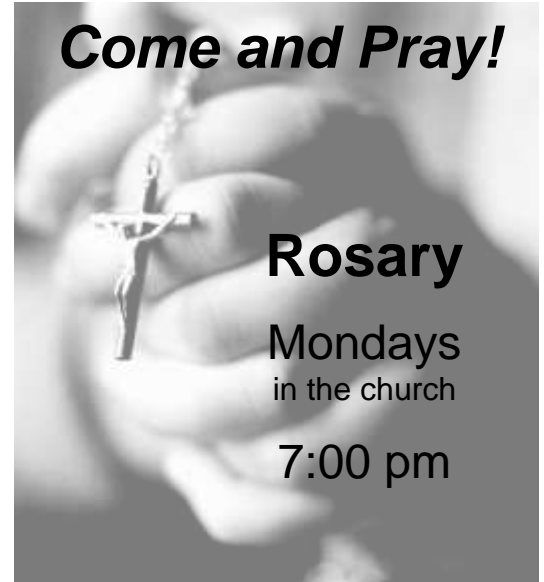
Indeed, words will not be enough to express what I and my parishioners and the entire people of Itungwa feel about your kind gesture. I would be very delighted to see you. You may invite me to your parish to meet with you someday. We thank God for the relationship of love and grace that He has initiated between us and you. Lives have been touched and many more lives will surely be touched as you continue to remember us.

In case you wish to know, our parish and Itungwa community need assistance in the provision of medical facilities. We have a good number of aged and sick members who can hardly access proper medical care.

I pray for the abiding grace of this Christmas season upon you, now and always. God bless you.

Rev. Fr. Jude Ifeadiro

Come and Pray!



Rosary

Mondays
in the church

7:00 pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays

6-7 pm

Pastoral Care of the Sick

We have pastoral care ministers who take the Eucharist to the sick in their home or hospital. The patient or his or her family needs to call to arrange this.

Do you wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? The Sacrament of Anointing is for the *sick*, not just a sacrament for those who are actively dying.

On the **third Friday** of the month, at the evening Mass, there will be opportunity for the **anointing of the sick**. The next one will be on **February 17**.

In case of emergency, please call Fr. Shim at 613-258-3377.

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Submission Deadlines

For the next Exaltation newsletter: **February 20**

For the weekly bulletin: **Wednesdays**

Sr. Mary Madden Prayer Group

Wednesdays
in the Parish Hall

9:00-11:00 am

Please contact
Fran at 613-258-4804
for more information.

