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# Holy Cross

## Roman Catholic Parish

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### MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri — 7:45am  
Sat — 7:45am, 4pm  
Sun — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

### RECONCILIATION

After the 7:45am mass on Monday,  
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

### ADORATION

#### Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri — 8:30am - 12:00pm

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Mass Celebrant

Various Celebrants

#### Catechetics Coordinator

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

#### Parish Life Director

Sheila Cornick

#### Office Administrator

Claire DuBois

#### Office Assistant

Rachel de Jesus

#### Custodian

Gerard O'Neill

#### Holy Cross Food Bank

Sheila Cornick & Marianne Savard

#### Holy Cross Youth Group

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 35.4-7

Psalms 146

#### **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

James 2.1-5

Gospel:

Mark 7.31-37

## GRANDMOTHER'S TESTIMONY OF FAITH GOES VIRAL

By Marinella Bandini

The farewell letter of a 96-year-old great-grandmother is touching hearts across social media networks in Brazil. Eleonora Gonçalves Cari, from Cascavel, Paraná, died recently.



Read the entire message that Mrs. Eleonora insisted on leaving in writing for her family:

*"My dear sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandsons and great-granddaughters. May God bless you dear ones!*

*"I feel that the hour is coming for me to leave and go to God, and I want to ask all of you to feel consoled and comforted by God's designs, since you know that God gives and God takes back.*

*"I don't want any of you to despair, because all of you, as far as possible, have done for your mother everything you could do and for that I thank you and travel happily to the afterlife. I ask forgiveness of each one of you if I have sometimes hurt or irritated you, correcting you without deserving or if I have failed at some point. I forgive you for your failures.*

*My children, I ask you not to abandon the Church, not to abandon your faith. Participate, pray, ask Our Lord Jesus Christ for mercy with love, courage and dedication. Each of you must remember that you were baptized and that is why you are all Christians, and that you were consecrated to the Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Blessed Mother.*

*"My children, seek to love each other, visit each other, and serve each other in your needs.*

*Don't abandon each other, be loving and helpful. I'll be praying for and watching over each one of you, if God allows me. Pray for your father and mother, that God will forgive our sins and give us eternal rest. So be it.*

*"Goodbye, kisses and hugs to everyone. See you soon. Do not despair, we will soon be together, my children.*

*"I was happy to have been born into the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ. I'm happy to be Catholic. And I am happy to die in the Church of Jesus Christ. Do not abandon your faith. There is only one faith and one baptism.*

(Source: Marinella Bandini: [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org))

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (FHE)

The Association of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) is a Catholic organization for both healthy and disabled persons who desire a deeper union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our next gathering is on **Monday, September 6 at 6:30pm** in the Church, **Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Adoration. **Due to COVID-19, there will not be Sacrament of the Sick until further notice.**

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labour Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7 during regular office hours.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM – ATRIUM

Our children's Atrium program will continue this fall with an early October start date. All 3 levels will be offered on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon with the possibility of additional classes on Saturday. *"The Atrium is a specially prepared area. It is a sacred, quiet environment where children can work with beautiful material which allow them to draw deeper into the essentials of our Faith."*

For more information about this program or to register for our classes, please visit our website or contact the parish office. **The [registration form](#) is now available on our website and the parish office. Please make sure to fill out both pages and bring it to the parish office.**

## SACRAMENTAL PREP – FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

Sacramental Prep for the sacraments will be available this fall. We have changed up our sacramental prep program and will be offering Dynamic Catholic's **"BLESSED"** sacramental prep program. We are very excited to be offering this program.

**Our Sacramental Prep Classes for First Communion and Reconciliation will be offered every second Saturday from 10:00am—11:30am beginning in October. The [registration form](#) is now available on our website and the parish office. Please make sure to fill out both pages and bring it to the parish office.**

## CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES

It is our intent to offer the Dynamic Catholic program entitled **"DECISION POINT"** to our Confirmation candidates this fall. Dynamic Catholic was founded on the idea of "meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be." Once Catholics are engaged in their spiritual journey, there is an abundance of materials that can feed them and draw them deeper into relationship with God and the Church.

**Confirmation Prep Classes will be offered to children ages 13 and up every second Saturday from 12:00pm—1:30pm beginning in October. A pizza lunch will be provided as part of the program. The [registration form](#) is now available on our website and the parish office. Please make sure to fill out both pages and bring it to the parish office.**

## 2020 CONFIRMATIONS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS



After a delay due to the pandemic, His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt will be at **Holy Cross Parish**, to give the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation to the children of Holy Cross Parish and School on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm**. We are asking our parishioners to pray for the intentions of our children receiving their Sacraments.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” (James 2:5)*

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are more important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possession first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

## SEPTEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

### Universal: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## LITANY OF THE HOLY CROSS

The [Litany of the Holy Cross](#) will be prayed as a novena before the 7:45am mass, starting on Sunday, September 5 and continuing until Monday, September 13, the vigil of the Feast.

## ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

We encourage all of the parishioners to pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary for the month of September. To view or download the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, please [click here](#).

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

August 29, 2021  
\$4,344.70

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 4: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00pm + Edward Watson by the Watson family

### Sunday, September 5: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45am Paul Wong by Claire & Betty

10:00am + Camilla (Dumaine) Appleton by the Holy Cross CWL

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### Monday, September 6

7:45am Nicolas Myslicki by Mamère

7:00pm Paul & Ingrid by Sister Bibiana

### Tuesday, September 7

7:45am + Billy Murphy by Pam & Barry Murphy

### Wednesday, September 8: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:45am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

### Thursday, September 9

7:45am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

### Friday, September 10

7:45am + Evangeline Fraser by the Holy Cross Manor Board

### Saturday, September 11

7:45am Heather McTavish & Corinne Kennedy by their mother

### Saturday, September 11: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00pm + Edward Watson by the Watson family

### Sunday, September 12: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

12:00pm + Carmen Lee

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	Sep. 06	Parish Office Closed	
		FHE Gathering	6:30pm
		FHE Mass (No Sacrament of the Sick)	7:00pm
Tues.	Sep. 07	Holy Cross School Staff Mass	9:00am
Wed.	Sep. 08	First Holy Communion & Confirmation	7:00pm