

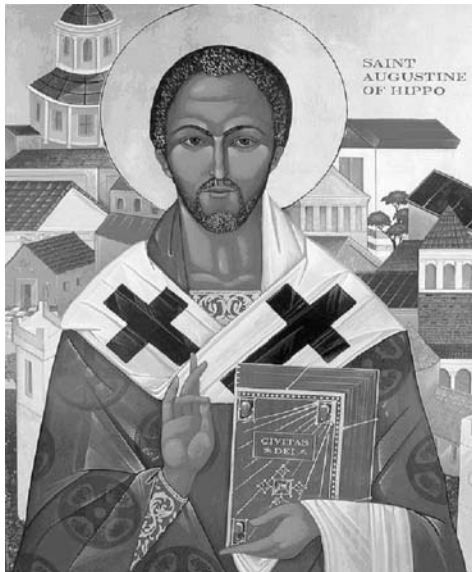
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Weekday Liturgy
 Monday to Friday
 May 1 – October 31: 8:30 a.m.
 November 1 – April 30: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Liturgy
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Organist:	James Fraser	(613) 224-1382
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Vigil Light Intentions:	Parish Office	(613) 225-7388
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Pastoral Care
 To schedule a pastoral visit for parishioners who are ill, elderly, bereaved or shut-in, please call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism
 Ray or Brenda Gervais (613) 228-6848

Sacrament of Marriage
 Please call the office 9 months prior to the marriage date.

Parish Registration
 A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please call the parish office to register.

Regular Weekly Parish Events

Monday:	7:30 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group (Hall) www.peopleofjoy.ca
Tuesday:	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Church)
Mon. - Fri.:	Eucharistic Adoration 1 hour before morning Mass	

Archdiocese of Ottawa Website
www.catholicottawa.ca

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From the Pastor's Desk**4th Sunday of Lent**
(Sunday, March 26th)**Jesus frees us from spiritual blindness and sin**

Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives. What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God. We welcome in a special way in our midst Carman who is totally blind; who will receive "adult Confirmation" at the Easter Vigil (April 15th). Carman has been journeying in faith, with his wife Joanne this past year and has benefited from taking the Alpha course. Carman enthusiastically sings in the 10:30 a.m. choir and has a Gr. 8 degree in music, specializing in voice!

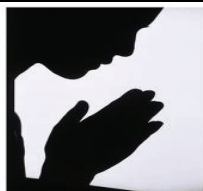
Readings for Sunday, March 26th**4th Sunday of Lent**

- 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
David was anointed king over Israel.
- 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.
- Gospel: John 9.1-41 or John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

VIGIL LIGHT INTENTION**For the week of March 26th**

The vigil light in front of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for:

~ the Souls in Purgatory ~

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Marcel Grandbois, Renee Grandbois, Margaret Clair, Cecilia Hastings, Mary Finlan, Karyna Laroche and Nick Todd.

Parish Events**March 27th to April 2nd**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: held at 8:00 a.m. each weekday morning before Mass.

Alpha Program (Session 12): on Wed., March 29th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., downstairs in the parish hall.

Confessions: on Fri., March 31st, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Retreat: for grade 6 candidates of Confirmation, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., in the Church and the hall.

Development & Peace/Share Lent Collection: will be taken up at all Masses, next weekend Apr. 1st/2nd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH PEW CLEANING

Volunteers are asked to come to the parish after the 9:00 a.m. Mass **this Monday, March 27th**, to help wash down the pews of the Church. Please bring your own pail. Rags and Murphy's Oil Soap will be provided by the parish.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MAR. 26TH

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION each morning before 9:00 mass: Christ is present there for us, to manifest his great love for us. St. Thomas says, "He cares for us and is there." If we care for him, we would also be there for a Holy Hour or some other form of Eucharistic adoration. Christ had asked this of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as he had asked the apostles in the Garden of Olives: "Can you not watch one hour with me?"

A Daily Quote for Lent:

The unchangeable Light, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. "I entered into my inmost self with You, Lord, as my guide - And this I was able to do because You were my helper. I entered in and saw with the eye of my soul, the unchangeable Light, very different from earthly lights. It was above my mind but not the way oil is above water or heaven above the earth. It was superior because it made me, and I inferior because I was made by it. Those who know the truth know this light, and those who know it know eternity - It is charity that knows it." (excerpt from *Confessions 7,10*)

SENIOR'S MOVIE NIGHT

Seniors, come and join us for a lovely night out on Fri., April 7th, from 7-9 p.m., downstairs in the parish hall! This month's feature is the 2016 film "Florence Foster Jenkins", based on the true story of a New York heiress who believed she was destined to be a great opera singer, even though her own singing voice was hilariously awful. Meryl Streep is simply amazing in the title role, for which she received an academy award nomination. Hugh Grant plays the husband and manager who organizes her private recitals while desperately working to protect her from the truth about her terrible singing. As always, movie night is free to attend, but feel free to bring a non-perishable item for Debra Dynes Food Bank. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone needing a drive can call Barbara Miles at 613-224-3412.



Women have always been at the heart of the work of **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** in Indonesia. In 2005, Development and Peace actively responded to the Indian Ocean tsunami, particularly in the region of Banda Aceh, where it implemented a long-term reconstruction program that strengthened communities, improved their living conditions and created resilience to future disasters. A large part of the program focuses on the island of Sulawesi, where mining interests and the exploitation of other natural resources are threatening farming and indigenous communities and the environment. **Development and Peace** also supports national organizations in promoting a culture of democracy by the monitoring of human rights violations and support to independent journalists, as well as strengthening equality between men and women through establishment of local women's associations. There are many barriers that keep women from entering the work force. Only about 50% of Indonesian women participate in the labourforce. The challenges are even greater for women with disabilities. Discrimination and inaccessibility prevents women with disabilities from receiving an education or entering into the workforce. These women face greater poverty and exclusion. **Development and Peace** support The Indonesian Women's Coalition for Justice and Democracy (KPI) as it works to improve conditions for all women in Indonesian society, including women with disabilities. Risya is a 22 year old Indonesian woman blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI) a **Development and Peace** partner, she is now using her blog to write about discrimination faced by women with disabilities and encourage others to believe in their potential. AJI has offered workshops to 170 women. Now they can make their voices heard! The Fifth Sunday of Lent, next Sunday, is Solidarity Sunday. The Share Lent collection will be taken to support the work of **Development and Peace** in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. Please give generously. Info: <http://www.devp.org/en> or call 613-249-9051.

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 27TH TO APRIL 2ND

Mon. Mar. 27	9:00 a.m.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Ann Fraser</i> by the Fraser family.
Tues. Mar. 28	9:00 a.m.	For <i>Nelly's special intentions</i> by a parishioner.
Wed. Mar. 29	9:00 a.m.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Kinga Bertenyi</i> by Joan Houston-Fowell.
Thurs. Mar. 30	9:00 a.m.	For <i>Nelly's special intentions</i> by a parishioner
	7:00 p.m.	For <i>God's blessing on our parish, homes and schools</i> by Father Frank Scott.
Fri. Mar. 31	9:00 a.m.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Kinga Bertenyi</i> by George Fawcett.
Sat. Apr. 1	4:30 p.m.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Ken Burke</i> by Leo & Maureen Kessels.
		For <i>the repose of the soul of Rita Walsh</i> by the Kennedy family.
Sun. Apr. 2	9:00 a.m.	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sun. Apr. 2	10:30 a.m.	For <i>Nelly's special intentions</i> by a parishioner.

LETTERS TO PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU FROM CCCB PRESIDENT BISHOP CROSBY & CARDINAL COLLINS:

Concerns about the federal government support for foreign access to abortion have been raised by the President of the CCCB, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton: Read the letter... His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has also written to the Prime Minister of Canada, regarding the recent decision by the government to provide \$650 million toward "sexual and reproductive health and rights" (google link at CCCB)

Prayer from St. Augustine

Breathe in me, Spirit of God, that
I may think what is holy;

Drive me, Spirit of God, that
I may do what is holy;

Draw me, Spirit of God, that
I may love what is holy;

Strengthen me, Spirit of God,
that I may preserve what is holy;

Guard me, Spirit of God,
that I may never lose what is holy.



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