

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2015

(Liturgical Year C)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14 – 18***The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness***Second Reading: Philippians 4.4 – 7***The Lord is close at hand.***Gospel: Luke 3.10 – 18***The crowds asked, "What should we do?"*

This Week

Saturday, December 05 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Fred Fletcher req. by his Family

5:00 p.m. Fern Brennan Lenahan req. by her Family

Sunday, December 06 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Don Taylor req. by Rita Anderson

11:00 a.m. Alma Doyle req. by Bob & Anne-Marie MacDiarmid & Family

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

3:00 p.m. Bytown Voices Concert

Monday, December 07

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 08

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Practice

Wednesday December 09 Mass at NDHS

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

6:00 p.m. Altar Server Gathering

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. Daniel Janigan on the 15th Anniversary of his death requested by Anna Janigan

5:00 p.m. Annie Perry req. by Anna Janigan

Sunday, December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Alma Doyle req. by Rory & Bonnie MacDiarmid & Family

6:00 p.m. Turkey Dinner



Parish News

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If any parishioners wish to receive the Holy Eucharist in a gluten free form, please identify yourself to the Celebrant, a Eucharistic Minister or an Usher **before Mass**. We request that parishioner receive the Host at the end of Communion line, so that the Celebrant can provide the gluten free Host safely. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Father Dan, Margo Latimer (613-225-8553) or Karen Zappia (613-727- 5251)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We invite any and all children and youth to come and sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Basil's Church. The children will learn up to 10 songs and perform in a ½ hour concert before the 4:00 p.m. Mass (from 3:30-4:00). Practices will be held at the church 6:00-7:00 pm on the following evenings: **Tuesday, December 8th, Tuesday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 22nd**. It will be essential that your child come to at least three of these practices and highly recommended that they attend all four practices. They will be more prepared and confident the more we sing together. Please email Maria Amadio at maria.amadio@ocsb.ca if your child is interested in participating.

ALTAR SERVER'S GATHERING

Thursday December 10th, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. We'd like to get all current and interested altar servers together for a refresher, but also to talk about Christmas and scheduling. So join us for some food, refreshments, and fun in the church hall. Hope to see everyone there.

TURKEY DINNER

Our annual Turkey dinner is next **Sunday December 13** beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at \$20.00 per person. For more info contact: Helen Lapierre 613-228-7227, helenlap@live.ca or Lorraine Shields 613-728-8504 or the Parish Office 613-729-5149.

PARISH CELEBRATION FOR RECONCILIATION

St Basil's will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday December 17 from 7 – 8 p.m.** As part of the Year of Mercy; this Advent we will have **OPEN** reconciliation. You may come anytime between 7-8 p.m. and go to any of the three priests and celebrate the sacrament; and leave whenever you are ready.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development..."

Pope Francis

ST BASIL'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

Christmas is fast approaching! On the Christmas tree in the Narthex are gift tags for needy children/youth 1 to 16 years old. Please take a tag and donate a gift of approximately \$25.00. Return the wrapped gifts with the gift tags to St Basil's by next Sunday December 13th to aid assembly of the Christmas Hampers on **Tuesday December 15th** (Volunteers needed and welcome!) Delivery will be December 19th/20th. Additional gifts for the Hampers such as baking and knitting/crocheting are welcome. In past years, thanks to the warm hearts and generosity of St Basil's parishioners, the parish has been able to bring a little joy to over 100 people (families and individuals) at Christmas. Thank you very much for your generosity.

NO MASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY,

Please Note: There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, December 26**. This is because the Christmas Masses for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord on Thursday December 24 at 4:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm along with the Christmas morning Mass, December 25 at 11:00 am are only one day prior. **The Sunday Morning Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am for the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27 will be celebrated as usual.**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Ottawa Catholic School Board Choirs, and *guests St. Basil's Choir* present their annual Christmas Concert, "A Light has Come", **Mon. Dec. 14, 2015** at 7:30 pm, St. Basil's Church. Regular tickets: \$15, Fundraiser Tickets: \$25. (Funds raised through ticket sales will establish a Children's Choir Scholarship to be inaugurated in June 2016, as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations)

IMAGINE ST BASILS...

The Pastoral Council calls for volunteers to the "Imagine St Basil's Design Team". 10 people are needed, they are people who are able to work collegially. Having different viewpoints. Comfortable with hearing different viewpoints. Able to understand different viewpoints and appreciate what other parishioners are saying. Someone who is a good note-taker, writer or editor. Someone comfortable with speaking in public before an audience to communicate on behalf of the Team. Parishioners to be points of contact with attendees of the three weekend masses – one at each. Representatives of the different generations who form the parishioner community – Teens and older. A parishioner recently choosing to join the St. Basil's community. A parishioner with the perspective of having recently accepted Catholic faith. Moms and Dads --- From those with young families to empty nesters. Grandparents. Godparents. People in different walks of life, work backgrounds, working or retired. People connected to parishioners unable to attend masses or events in person. Parents, teachers, administrators, students - linked to St. Daniel's or Notre Dame High School. People currently leading a ministry. People participating in but not leading a ministry. Available to work together from now until June 2016.

Design Team members will receive expert training on the process of Appreciative Inquiry. *The goal is to have the Design Team in place by December 14th. Email Elizabeth Elliot & Gerard Lewis imaginestbasils@gmail.com*

CONFIRMATION

This **Sunday December 6th** following the 11 a.m. Mass there will be a meeting for parents and Candidates preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation will be on Sunday April 17th 2016.

CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT

The Archdiocese of Ottawa has issued a Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Employees and Volunteers to provide clear directives in order to protect clergy and volunteers and those they interact with. Our Volunteers are requested to read the document and return the signed last page to the office to be kept on file. We have ordered copies of the booklets and will distribute them to all Ministries as soon as they are received.

LAUDATO SI – A CANADIAN RESPONSE

Following the presentation by Bob Czerny on Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the environment, you are invited to view a new video, Laudato Si - A Canadian Response, a link to which is on the parish website at www.stbasilsparish.ca/groups_justice.html

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3RD ~ *That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices.*

OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To launch the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese & opening of the Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica we will celebrate Mass on **Tues., December 8**, 7:30 p.m. Our Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral will open on **Sun., December 13** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (bilingual). Our Door of Mercy will be the left front door of the Cathedral, the one closest to Guigues St. All are welcome to attend these celebrations at Notre Dame Cathedral.

"THE TIME OF MERCY" CONFERENCE

Hosted by The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy on **Dec. 12** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. 9:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Lunch provided by the Queenship of Mary Community. Info: www.jp2centre.com, jp2centreattowa@gmail.com; Peggy Doucette 613-325-5447;

A Thought

Advent can be a countercultural season for Christians in present times. The Church offers us a different way to move through this season. Consider Advent's symbols:

Quiet as opposed to noise. *Take time to read from the bible or another spiritual book and reflect in quiet.*

Darkness. *Nights are longer, reminding us of the darkness and cold of a world without Christ.*

Waiting as opposed to rushing around. *We can redeem the moments we spend in traffic or in line by being cheerful and helping others. After all, the whole purpose of Christ's coming is to make us more peaceful and more loving.*

From Living Faith