

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2015

(Liturgical Year C)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**First Reading: Sirach 3.2 – 6, 12 – 14***Those who respect the Lord honour their parents.***Second Reading: Colossians 3.12 – 21***Family life in the Lord***Gospel: Luke 2.41 – 52***His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.*

This Week

Saturday, December 19 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 p.m. Paul Boire, Lois & Lorne Ryan req by Patricia Boire & Family

Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Jane Knox req. by Ruth Jenkins

11:00 a.m. Members of the Halstead Family req. by Vi Halstead

Monday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 22

9:00 a.m. Intentions of M. Pollock req. by Jack & Kay Kinsella

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

Wednesday December 23 Mass at St Basil's

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

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Family Mass

7:30 p.m. Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families

10:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, December 26 No Mass today**Sunday, December 27 Feast of the Holy Family**

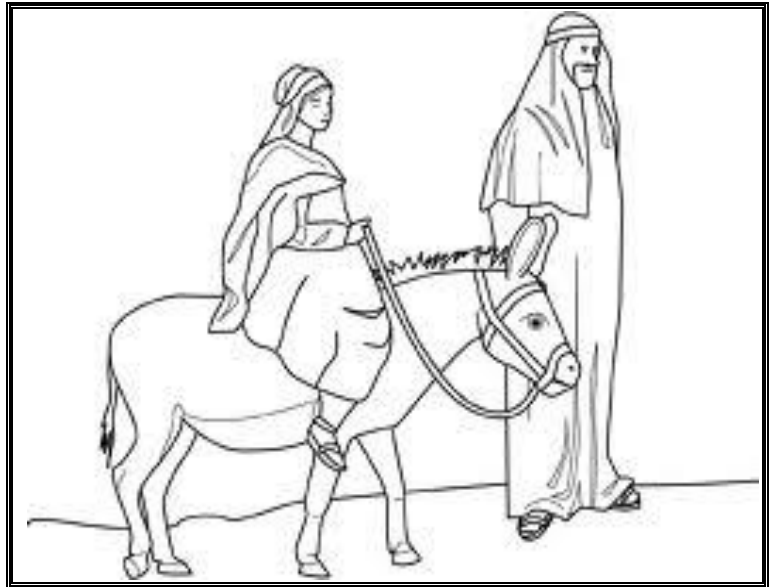
9:00 a.m. Joan Ferguson req. by Randy & Jennifer Golanowski

11:00 a.m. Mass for a Special Intention req. by John Watters

11:00 a.m. Brikis Baptism

TODAY'S QUOTE*"We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us once were foreigners..."**Pope Francis*

Parish News

OFFICE CLOSUREPlease note the parish office will be closed at noon on **Thursday December 24th to 9 a.m. Monday January 4th.****BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES**

Because of holidays the deadlines for the next few bulletins have changed. The deadlines are:

9 a.m. December 14 for bulletin **December 20th****Noon December 17** for bulletin **December 27****Noon December 22** for bulletin **January 3rd****CHRISTMAS MASS**

For Parishioners requiring the Body and Blood of Christ to be brought to you in your pew please remember to advise the Ushers when you arrive for the Christmas Masses. For logistical reasons, the Eucharistic Ministers will serve the Body and Blood of Christ to the main congregation first. Then, they will be happy to serve those requesting it at their pew.

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 perform in a ½ hour concert before the 4:00 p.m. Mass (from 3:30-4:00). The last practice will be held at the church 6:00-7:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 22nd**. Final instructions will be given at this practice.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Masses for Christmas and New Years are as follows:

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. **Family Mass**
 7:30 p.m. **Evening Mass**
 10:00 p.m. **Late Mass**

Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. **Nativity of the Lord**
 New Year's Eve 5 p.m. **7th Day of the Nativity of the Lord**
 New Year's Day 11 a.m. **Feast - Mary the Holy Mother of God**

**NO MASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**

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.



ST BASIL'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

This weekend is the distribution date for our Christmas Hampers. We need your help to deliver these gifts. Pick up one or more as you leave Mass this weekend. You are invited to add your own personal touches. Perhaps some home baking. **Parcels must be delivered by Tuesday December 22nd so families can prepare for their Christmas dinner.**

YEAR END DONATIONS

In past years there has been some confusion around the year end donations and which year's tax receipt they will show on. Please note that this year any donations received in the office before **Monday December 28th** will show on the tax receipt for 2015. Any donations received on or after Monday December 28th will show on the tax receipt for 2016.

UPDATE IMAGINE ST. BASIL'S... DESIGN TEAM

We have been asked about the time commitment for Design Team members. Please consult the "Design Team Q & A" leaflet in today's bulletin for an explanation. With Christmas only a week away, we have decided to move the date for creating the Imagine St. Basil's ... Design Team to January. Have you any more questions? We are only an email away! Contact us at: imaginestbasils@gmail.com. The direction St. Basil's takes over the next few years is in your hands.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

During the winter when the weather is bad please call the parish office 613-729-5149 before leaving for Mass. If the weather is bad we may cancel the Mass.

A Thought

Last Tuesday Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's to begin the Year of Mercy. He said he wants the Church to be more merciful, less rigid and non-judgemental toward those who are lost. He said the Church refuses no one – especially when they seek to be reconciled and Jesus comes to reconcile us.

FIRST COMMUNION

Here are the important dates for those who wish to prepare for First Communion at St Basil's.

Welcoming Mass for the children on **Sunday January 10th** at 9 a.m. followed by a short Parents meeting in the Narthex. You are then invited to attend the Knights of Columbus Welcome Back Brunch in the Church Hall. There will be 4 preparation sessions in the Church Hall: **Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 6th, and Mar. 20th**. The children are to attend Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass followed by a half hour preparation session in the Church Hall (10 – 10:30 a.m.) on these dates. First Reconciliation will be in the evening on Tuesday March 8th. First Communion will be at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday April 3rd. The two workbooks can be purchased for a total of \$25.00. If your child does not attend St Daniel's please contact the Parish Office to arrange for receipt and payment for these books. Please contact Maria Amadio maria.amadio@ocsb.ca to have your child registered for this program.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution Envelopes for 2016 are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. If you do not have and would like Contribution Envelopes for 2016 (tax receipts are issued for contributions made using envelopes) please contact the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200.

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

Beginning in January 2016, we will be spotlighting the various ministries that make St Basil's a special place for all of us. The neighbor you sit beside does wonderful things for us we think you would like to know about. Our first spotlight will shine on Community Life Commission.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 20TH ~ *That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.*

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Archbishop Prendergast will ordain Tavis Goski to the diaconate at Holy Redeemer, Kanata (44 Rothesay Dr.) on **Sunday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, January 24, 2016** at 2:30 p.m.

From the Community

WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this workshop at their parish, **Wed., Jan. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. See COLF's brochure and workshop guide. Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

NET CANADA LOOKING FOR FLEET MECHANIC

NET Ministries of Canada has a fleet of 10 SUV/minivans and 5 trailers which do long-haul transport for 55 missionaries. NET is requesting proposals for a reliable, full-service mechanic in Orleans area to maintain fleet. Major tune-ups occur in June/July and December plus occasional 24-hour turnaround jobs. Info: (robin@netcanada.ca).

WOMAN ON A MISSION – A SALT + LIGHT TV DOCUMENTARY

Follow S+L producer, Cheridan Sanders as she joins over 800 women from across Canada for the annual national convention of the Catholic Women's League. Experience for yourself, how 80,000 women make a world of difference at home and abroad. Airing on Salt + Light TV: Dec. 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 2 & 3. Also available online at (www.cwl.ca).

