

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4 – 10***This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith.***Second Reading: Romans 10.8 - 13***This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.***Gospel: Luke 4.1 – 13***Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness; there he was tempted.*

This Week

Saturday, February 06 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

Sunday, February 07 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep – First Communion

11:00 a.m. Mass for Noah Karacson req. by his Grandparents
Phil & Lupcia Karacson

11:00 a.m. Mass for Frank Sieridzinski req. by Bronai & Family

Monday, February 08

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

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday February 09

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

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday February 10 Mass at Notre Dame High School

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Social

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, February 11

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

Friday, February 12

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, February 13 Ken Yasinski

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 14 Ken Yasinski

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Ken Yasinski

TODAY'S QUOTE*"The right use of natural resources, the proper application of God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (Ez 37.1 – 14) ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives, too, and let us become agents of his mercy.**Pope Francis***WEEKDAY MASS - INCLEMENT WEATHER***During the winter when the weather is bad please call the parish office 613-729-5149 before leaving for Weekday Mass. If the weather is bad there may be no Mass.*

Parish News

FIRST COMMUNION

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

PARISH MISSION – THE FULLNES OF PURPOSE

*Could there be more to your faith experience, than what you have experienced? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a 3 day parish mission, designed to help answer life's most meaningful questions. This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. **Ken will speak at all Masses February 13 & 14 and on February 14th & 15th at 7 p.m.** Come and be inspired to live your full potential in life!*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Giving a handmade shawl knitted in prayer is one way our parish has of showing to those who are embarking on a new beginning such as new parents or those going through a difficult time, the caring and support of our Parish community. The shawl is given as a symbol of God's all-embracing love surrounding and supporting those receiving a shawl. We invite you to join in our prayers for the people who have received a shawl in the last 6 months: Danny Lubick, Liza Mulvilhill Dugan, Cathy Mulvilhill Becker, Janet McBane, Elaine Redmond, Gail Hopper, Douglas Warneck, Bernadette T. and Michael Sheridan. Let us know if you or someone you know might appreciate receiving one. Call Maureen Ramsay- 613-726-1767 or the parish office – 613-729-5149.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

There will be one Mass on Ash **Wednesday February 10th at 7 p.m.** Come for mass to receive the ashes that mark the beginning of Lent. Our Children's Liturgy Committee is providing colouring sheets for little ones who need a bit of a break, or to help keep them occupied before mass starts.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Come Sing with Us – all children are invited to sing the recessional song on **Sunday February 21** at the 9 a.m. Mass

Giving Heart to the Sick – **February 14th**, join us in marking the first Sunday in Lent in the Year of Mercy. Between the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, we will be making Valentine's to send to residents at Medex. Help us send our love and prayers to the elderly, sick and lonely. Children's Liturgy will be offered during the 9 am mass, and refreshment are served after both masses.

Halfway there! Lenten Family Brunch – **February 28th**, between the 9 a.m. Family Mass and the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners and friends are invited for a Lenten Family brunch featuring child-friendly activities to deepen our understanding of this season. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about Laudato Si', Pope Francis's letter on the environment with related activities. Homemade pretzels and drinks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring fruit to share.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

"Create a Climate of Change"
3 Sunday afternoons in Lent
February 21, February 28, March 6
2:30 – 4 p.m.

We will reflect on Laudato Si, the letter of Pope Francis
On Care for our Common Home.

More info: co-chairs of the Mission & Social Justice Committee
(Their contact info is on the Bulletin cover)

DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION

As part of the Year of Mercy & Healing events, the Diocese has designated **Friday March 4th** as a day of Confession. St Basil's will have confession on Friday March 4th **10 – 11 a.m. and 7 – 8 p.m.**

CWL

Members of St. Basil's CWL are reminded that the meeting scheduled for Saturday, the 13 Feb 2016, has been cancelled.

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

"We have been blessed with a positive response to the call for volunteers to serve on the Imagine St. Basil's Design Team. Two information sessions were held with Raphael Amato last weekend with volunteers. Next will be a training session preparing the Design Team for their roles and responsibilities. The process of charting the course of St. Basil's has begun. The direction St. Basil's takes in the years ahead is in your hands. Keep your eye on the bulletin for regular updates. Contact us with any questions you might have at: imaginestbasils@gmail.com or visit the new website for additional information: www.stbasilsparish.ca Elizabeth Eliot Co-chair Pastoral Council & Gerard Lewis, Imagine St. Basil's ..."

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 7TH ~ For those called to the more excellent way of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord, faithful to His choice of them.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Monthly journey to Notre-Dame de Quebec to experience the Holy Door. Next date: **27-28 February 2016**. For more information on the pilgrimages, contact David Hnatiw at 613-620-1196 or <http://voyagesterranatura.ca/religious/>.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2016

On **April 15th & 16th** join over 5,000 Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Westin hotel in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada and the US. This year's Summit is featuring 7 world-class Catholic speakers: Dr. Peter Kreeft, Christopher West, Sherry Weddell, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Michael Dopp, Bishop Riesbeck and Angèle Regnier. Register online today <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Tickets sold out last year.

The Year of Mercy,

A Thought

During the first Angelus after his elections, the Holy Father stated: "Feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient" (Angelus, March 17, 2013).

In his Angelus on January 11, 2015, he stated: "There is so much need of mercy today, and it is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth! We are living in the age of mercy, this is the age of mercy." Then, in his 2015 Lenten Message, the Holy Father expressed: "How greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!"

In the English edition of the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii gaudium the term mercy appears 32 times.

Pope Francis has entrusted the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization with the organization of the Jubilee of Mercy.

Salt & Light Media 13 March 2015

LOOKING FOR MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER WORK?

Ancoura is a community organization located in the west end of Ottawa that provides affordable housing and social supports to people living with a mental illness. We are looking for volunteers who can help on an occasional basis, become a visiting volunteer and develop relationships with our residents and make a year-long commitment or would like to become board members. For more information, please contact Liz Tyrwhitt at 613-830-8130 or liz@ancoura.ca



RISEN – THE MOVIE

Beginning **Friday February 19th** at Cineplex Theaters. See this amazing movie about the search for the Body of Christ after His resurrection. Starring Tom Felton and Joseph Fiennes