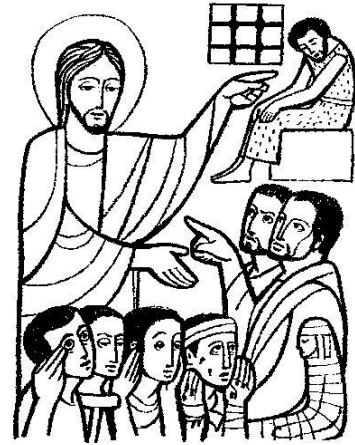


SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2016

(Liturgical Year A)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10 – 14*Look, the virgin is with child.***Second Reading: Romans 1.1 – 7***Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.***Gospel: Matthew 1.18 – 24***Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.*

Parish News

This Week

Saturday, December 10 3rd Sunday of Advent

2:00 p.m. Baptism of Ryan Angus

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

Sunday, December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class / Youth Group

11:00 a.m. Mass for Robert Blackstock req. by Vi Halstead

11:00 a.m. Baptism of Rachel Larmond

Monday, December 12

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

7:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 13**10:00 a.m. Mass with St Daniel's Students****Wednesday December 14 Mass at Notre Dame High School**

9:00 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame High School

Thursday, December 15

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

7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 16

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

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, December 17 4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Turkey Dinner

Sunday, December 18 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass for Muriel Hart req. her Family

11:00 a.m. Mass for Ron Warren req. by Daphne Warren

11:00 a.m. Baptism of Charlotte Mezger & Megan Gagnon

FAREWELL

Please join us on **Sunday December 18th** following the 11 a.m. Mass to say good-bye to Fr Dan. He will be leaving the end of December to go on sabbatical. Following his sabbatical he will be assisting his order, the Missionaries of the Holy Family.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

As you all know Christmas is fast approaching. This means we have different deadlines for articles for our Sunday bulletins between now and January 2017. Please submit your bulletin articles by the follow dates and times:

- Bulletin of December 18th deadline **Monday 12 December 8 a.m.**
- Bulletin of December 25th deadline **Wednesday 14 December noon**
- Bulletin of January 1st deadline **Monday 19th December noon**

TURKEY DINNER

Our Annual Turkey Dinner is on **Saturday, 17 December**, following the 5 p.m. Mass. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available before and after Mass and by contacting the Parish Office. Cut-off date for tickets is Tuesday, Dec 13. For more information contact Lorraine Shields at 728-8504 or Helen Lapierre 228-7227.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children and youth are invited to join the St. Basil's Christmas Eve Choir. We will be singing one or two songs before the Mass starts, the entrance song and the recessional song. Practices for this will be held for a half hour after the 9:00 am Mass on the following Sundays: **Dec. 11th, and Dec. 18th**. If your child/children would like to participate please email Maria at: maria_costantini@yahoo.ca or text 613-897-8935 with your child's name and age.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"...What does Christmas say to people today?"

"It speaks of tenderness and hope. When God meets us he tells us two things. The first thing he says is: have hope. The second thing he says is: don't be afraid of tenderness... whereas God's simplicity tells you: go forward, I am a Father who caresses you.

Pope Francis – La Stampa Dec 08 2015

MASS AT MEDEX

The Christmas Mass at Medex Extencicare will be next **Tuesday December 20** at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Mass at St Basil's that morning, parishioners are invited to worship with the residents at Medex.

ADVENT WREATH

Would you like to help light the advent candle before all the weekend masses during advent? Please add your name in the book on the table at the back of the Church under the mass time that you are interested in. Thanks for making advent a special time with your assistance.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

On Sunday, December 18th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass Tyler Aboualy, Lyla Aboualy and Ada Defreitas will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate. This journey in faith is in preparation to celebrate the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please journey with them with your prayers, support and well wishes.

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! 

Again with the kind generosity of St Basil's parishioners the parish will be sponsoring a Christmas hamper/gift program. The remaining key dates to remember are:

- 1). **December 13th:** Preparation of the Christmas parcels in the church hall for delivery.
- 2). **December 17th/18th:** Parcels picked up for delivery to recipients by parishioners.

On December 13th between 9:30 and 11:30 am in church hall, we will be getting the Food & Christmas gift packages ready for delivery. Volunteers are welcome. Have a question? Want to volunteer? Please contact Michael and Michelle Gleeson at 613-729-5299 or mandmgleeson@rogers.com

MISSALS

The new Missals for 2016/17 are available for purchase in the Narthex. Please put your **\$5.00** for each missal in the wooden box on the table. Children's Missals are also available at a cost of **\$5.00**

2016 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

O Great Creator, we give praise and thanks to you for our lives and for our families. Your gift to us of human community is one of your greatest blessings. We thank you for our Elders; our grandfathers and grandmothers, whose patience and wisdom guide our lives. We thank you for our fathers and mothers, who by giving their love to each other bring us into the world, nurturing and leading us. We thank you for our brothers and sisters, with whom we come to know what sharing and caring really means. We thank you for young people, whose hope for a better world energizes and inspires us. We thank you for the little ones; the children, whose innocence and promise bring gladness and joy. O Creator, May our families always be that blessed and first community that we honour and cherish. As you continue to make all things new, May we hear your invitation in all creation to receive and share all that is good and true with each other. O God, we also face many challenges and crises in our lives and world. May our families continue to be the first and constant community that shows us how to live intimately and respectfully with all people, and all Creation. May all Glory, Praise, Honour and Thanksgiving be shown to you, Father of all mercies and compassion, Jesus Saviour and Guardian of our souls, and Spirit of peace and communion.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Join us this Thursday 15 December at 7:00 p.m. for our Advent Reconciliation Service.

SAVE THE DATE..... JANUARY 28, 2017

If plans for your future include St. Basil's Parish, join the discussions on January 28 from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Basil's. The Imagine St. Basil's Team will present its report. All leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend to discuss how we will move forward. Stay tuned for more details.

*From the Diocese***PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 18TH ~ *For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

Whatsoever you do..."

Advent suggestions: from Global Catholic Climate Movement- create a Reverse Advent Calendar - give away a personal belonging each day - commit a special time to pray - give to a charity on someone's behalf - give a gift of time - use "natural" decorations - save paper - reuse - prepare sustainable meals

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

*From the Community***SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Too early to register your little one for kindergarten? Absolutely not! If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the high-quality kindergarten program at all Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Our 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **January 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. We welcome all! **All schools offer rich French programming** within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment, representing an excellent choice for your child as they begin their school years. "Kindergarten - where dreams take off." For more information, visit ocsb.ca/kindergarten.

FOR YOUR INFO....

The new priest Fr Ross Finlan will begin at St Basil's on Saturday December 31st and will remain here until the summer when new appointments are made. Fr Dan will be leaving approximately December 30th. Contact information for Fr Dan will be available from the Parish office **after that date**.

