

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2016

(Liturgical Year A)

CHRISTMAS MORNING

First Reading: Isaiah 52.7 – 10*All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.***Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1 – 6***In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.***Gospel: John 1.1 – 18***The Word became flesh and lived among us.*

This Week

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 and Neil Warren req. by Daphne and Family

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

Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Mass for Gabriella Hudac req. by Vi Halstead

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

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 20

9:00 a.m. Mass at Medex

Wednesday December 21 Mass at St Basil's

9:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

7:30 p.m. Mass for the Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families req. by Ken & Janet Des Roches

10:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Mass

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Please note Contributions for the 2016 Tax Receipts must be in the collection by Sunday December 25th. All contributions received after December 25th will be included in your 2017 Tax Receipt.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday December 22nd and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017. We pray you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with many glorious memories!



Parish News

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 January 1st deadline **Monday 19th December noon**
Beginning with the bulletin for January 8th the deadline for articles will return to noon on Mondays.

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. The last practice will be held for a half hour after the 9:00 am Mass this **Sunday Dec. 18th**.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"What does Christmas mean for you?"

"It is the encounter Jesus. God has always sought out his people, led them, looked after them and promised to always be close to them ... Christmas is God's meeting with his people. It is also a consolation, a mystery of consolation."

Pope Francis – La Stampa Dec 08 2015

MASS AT MEDEX

The Christmas Mass at Medex Extencicare will be this **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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is as follows:

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m.	Family Mass
7:30 p.m.	Evening Mass
10:00 p.m.	Evening Mass
Christmas Day: 11:00 a.m.	Christmas Mass

EUCHARIST AT YOUR PEW

At St. Basil's, we take great pride in the fact that Holy Communion is given to our "special care" parishioners at their pews. Just a reminder that during the Christmas/New Year's season **only**, with the large increase in our congregation, we will serve Holy Communion to our "special care" parishioners **after** the main congregation. Please identify yourself or your loved one to the Ushers **before** Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

'WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR' SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Knights of Columbus, St. Basil's Round Table, will be hosting their annual 'Welcome in the New Year' Sunday Brunch after both Masses on **Sunday, January 08th** in our Parish Hall. As well, we hope to welcome Father Ross Finlan our new Pastor. What better way to celebrate the New Year as a community!

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! 🎄🎄🎄

Again with the kind generosity of St Basil's parishioners the parish is sponsoring the Annual Christmas hamper/gift program. The remaining key date to remember is:
December 17th/18th: Parcels picked up for delivery to recipients by parishioners.

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**

THANK YOU!

The CWL would like to thank all of those who supported our successful Christmas Bake Sale on December 3rd & 4th. Our thanks to all of those who contributed and who purchased the baking. Merry Christmas to all!

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

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 25TH ~ *That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters.*

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..."

"In a society so often intoxicated by consumerism and hedonism, wealth and extravagance, appearances and narcissism, this Child Jesus calls us to act soberly....in a way that is simple, balanced, consistent, capable of seeing and doing what is essential."
Pope Francis (Christmas message)

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.

ANNUAL CAROL SING-A-LONG WITH LAWRENCE HARRIS

And Gregorian chants sung by Chorus Ecclesiae. Experience this "voices-only" sing-a-long of favorite traditional carols. Free admission. **Sun., Dec. 18, 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**, Dominican Convent, 96 Empress Ave. (off Somerset). Info: (613-567-7729) or (ChoirClass@hotmail.com).

FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" **Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6.** Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING

Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

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.**

