

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2017

(Liturgical Year A)

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5 – 6***I will give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation.***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1 – 3***Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***Gospel: John 1.29 – 34***Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

This Week

Saturday, January 07	Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 08	Knights of Columbus Brunch
9:00 a.m.	Mass
11:00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, January 09	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
6:00 p.m.	OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m.	AA – Westboro Step
Tuesday January 10	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Bytown Voices
Wednesday January 11	Mass at St Basil's
9:00 a.m.	Mass
7:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, January 12	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, January 13	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
8:00 p.m.	AA – By the Book
Saturday, January 14	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.	CWL Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 15	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Youth Group/Confirmation
11:00 a.m.	Mass
6:00 p.m.	First Communion – Prep Session 1

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting will be this **Monday**

January 9th at 9:30 in the Sacristy. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice"

Pope Francis – www.searchquotes.com

Parish News

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 this **Sunday, January 08th** in our Parish Hall. Join us as we welcome Father Ross Finlan our interim Administrator. What better way to celebrate the New Year as a community!

MASS AT MEDEX

The next Mass at Medex Extencicare will be next **Tuesday 17 January** 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.

RETIREES

All retirees are welcome to join us to play Bridge, Euchre, or other games. We resume our fun on **Wednesday January 11th at 1 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for more information call Joan Lesaux 613-596-8106 or Pat Mulvihill 613-224-0413.

CWL

The next scheduled CWL meeting will be held on **Saturday, 14 Jan 2017 at 11:00 am** in the room under the sacristy. All members are encouraged to attend.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE-

On **Sunday, January 15th at the 9:00 a.m.** Mass Tyler Aboualy, Lyla Aboualy and Ada Defreitas will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechuminate.

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.

UPDATE ON THE IRON CROSS

The iron cross is now in the baptistry. The electrical contractor has to erect temporary scaffolding between the altar and the back wall. He has requested that we not install the cross until he is finished in that area. Once he is finished the contractor doing the repairs to the ceiling and walls has to repair both sides of the wall including the bottom 3 feet of the wall facing the altar. The plans for the installation of the cross will be sent to the insurance company for approval and once this is completed the iron cross will be installed.

A Note from Fr Ross

Thank you for the warm welcome I received last weekend. As we begin our new relationship together, I invite you to check out the parish website "Pastor's Welcome" to learn more about me. Although I will not be pastor, but rather the Parochial Administrator for the next seven months, we will not change that heading on the webpage. As much as possible, my role will be to continue the life of the parish in much the same way until the new pastor is appointed to begin on the 1st of August 2017. We extend thanks to Fr. Dan Hawkins for his ministry over the past years and extend our prayerful support as he also enters a new stage in his life, enjoying a sabbatical year of rest and renewal. Prior to accepting this appointment, I had already committed to serve as a cruise ship priest for 3 weeks in March (hardly a Lenten penance). I am happy to report that Fr. Corbin Eddy has accepted my invitation to come and replace me during this period. I look forward to working with other parish leaders in collaborating in the ministry entrusted to us for the benefit of this wonderful community. May 2017 be a year of blessing and grace to all in our parish and world!

Fr. Ross

LEADER'S SUMMIT

Are you a parishioner who participated in one or more of the Imagine St. Basil's sessions in 2016? Are you a ministry leader or active in any ministries at St. Basil's? Are you a member of Pastoral Council or Finance Council? Do plans for your future include St. Basil's Parish? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then plan to attend the Leaders' Summit on **January 28** in the Church Hall. We will present the outcomes of the 3 phases of Imagine St. Basil's. The Summit will mainly focus on how to create the underlying conditions for all leaders in the parish to work collectively in creating a vibrant and life-giving future for St. Basil's. In particular, attention will be given to collaboration and intentional communication, decision-making processes, how ministries and the councils are clustered, how they interact with one another, what needs to be revised and what new ministries need to be developed. This will be an action packed meeting. We will begin at 10 a.m. sharp (coffee at 9:30), there will be a short break for lunch (provided). Please sign up in the Narthex so that we know how many to expect.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Just a quick reminder that the first parent/child preparation session for First Communion/Reconciliation is **Sunday, January 15th** at 6 p.m. Snacks (but not supper) will be served. A supervised play area is available for siblings. Please contact Sarah with the name and age of the sibling attending. thosetwo@gmail.com

"Whatsoever you do..."

MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE (supported by St. Basil's) will soon be opening "The Haven", a new housing facility in Barrhaven for 98 families on low-income. Volunteers are needed to connect with residents, painting, carpentry, general maintenance. Please contact Sahada Alolo (613 686 1825) mhi.sahada.alolo@gmail.com

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

THE EPIPHANY ~ JANUARY 8TH ~ For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ.

HOMELANDS MASS

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, will be on **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for this multicultural event!

From the Community

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>).

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.

FACILITATED DVD LECTURE SERIES & REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

"Divine Mercy - An In-Depth Study with Dr. Robert Stackpole". Sister Hood offers Part I of this series on First Saturday's starting **Jan. 7** at St. Monica Parish, 2080 Merivale Road after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Monthly series continues **Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6 & Jun. 3.** Cost for 6 sessions: \$15. Sister Hood Kits for new members: \$10. Info: Karen 613-806-0377 livesisterhood@gmail.com

Food for Thought

We live in a world that tends to segregate people along many lines, especially the weak from the powerful. This Christmas season and today's feast remind us that God's revelation is for all people and that Jesus was sent for all. God's will for the human race is unity – that all may be one. This vision is yet to be achieved, and there are those still threatened by it. but today we are called to walk in the light of this truth and to ask: from whom are we still separated? What are we called to do to bridge this chasm?

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