



***“You have been trustworthy in a few things.
I will put you in charge of many things”***

Today's reading: Proverbs 31.10-13; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6; Matthew 25.14-30

Next week reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15.20-26,28; Matthew 25.31-46

This Week

Saturday, November 18 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 a.m. CWL Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Mass for deceased members of the Conway & Lalonde Fam. req. by Paul & Colleen Conway
- 6:30 p.m. Carlington Community Chaplaincy Dinner

Sunday, November 19 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. 1st Comm. Session 1: We Are Called
- 11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Green Team
- 8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday, November 21

- 10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
- 7:00 p.m. West End Interfaith Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games
- 5:30 p.m. Ancoura AGM
- 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, November 23

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Ottawa Watercolour Society Meeting

Friday, November 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 p.m. A.A. By The Book

Saturday, November 25 CHRIST THE KING

- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 26 CHRIST THE KING

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for Don Taylor † req. by Doreen & Fam.
- 11:00 a.m. Mass for Edward Francis † req. by his Family
- Mass for Geraldine Clark † req. by Brenda and John Worswick

From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

Have you got Talent?

“For to everyone who has will be given more and he will have more than enough; but anyone who has not, will be deprived even of what he has.”

This certainly sounds cruel and unjust; but if we give it a second thought, we catch the truth behind it.

We see in the material world, the talent, if fostered, encouraged and practised “grows”. Take music, singing, art, games, so on and so forth; if neglected, we may run the danger of losing the talent altogether.

So also in the Spiritual world the talent to love, to forgive, to understand, to be merciful...the more we give it selflessly, the more proficient we become in our giving God's grace.

We know that God's grace is never lacking, what is it then, that is stopping me from putting my talent to use specially the talent to love?

“Your talent is God's gift for you. What you do with it is your gift to God” (Leo Buscaglia)

The Book of Gospels

The Parish will start using the Book of Gospels at every Sunday Mass starting from the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 3rd). The Book of Gospels is carried in the Entrance Procession of the Mass. While it seems to be new to many, it is one of the ancient traditions of the Church. For us, in the absence of the deacon, one of the lectors carries the Book of the Gospels in the entrance procession and places it in the middle of the Altar.

The second lector, after finishing the second reading, removes the Lectionary from the Ambo and places it in the stand behind the Altar. This allows the Priest to take the Book of Gospels from the Altar and proceed to the Ambo in solemn procession to proclaim the Gospel. The Book of Gospels remains in the Ambo and it is not carried back at the end of the Mass.

The coordinator for the lectors is expected to inform all the lectors about this important introduction of the Book of Gospels and to make slight procedural changes accordingly.

If any of the lectors need a bit of training, you may always approach me. We all would get used with it by practice.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphel



Parish News



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

Parents are reminded of our 1st communion preparation program. We invite you and your child to participate in this seven-part program. The first session begins on **Sunday, November 19th** after 9 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Nov. 19 (after 9 am Mass) **Session 1: We are called**

Sunday, Jan. 14 (9 am) Welcome Mass followed by **Session 2: Come!**

Sunday, Jan. 28 (after 9 am Mass) **Session 3: Listen!**

Sunday, Feb. 4 (9 am) *Listen Mass*

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass Session 4: Reconciliation

Tuesday, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) *Family Reconciliation Service*

Session 5: Do! (TBD)

A supervised play area is available for siblings if required. Contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com with the name and age of the sibling attending.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year, instead of a children's choir performance from 4:00-4:30 before the Christmas Eve Family Mass, we will be having a Children's Christmas pageant. There will be roles for children and youth of all ages. Please email Susan Fekete at: susan_ottawa@yahoo.com if your child/youth would like to participate. Please indicate their name(s) and age(s) or if you would like to help out with this endeavor. Note: There will be 2 more practices on **Sunday, November 26th** and Sunday, **December 17th** from 10:00-10:30 in the church hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Help wanted!

The Children's Liturgy team needs a hand, or rather a couple of strong arms. We are looking for someone who can arrive early on Sunday and set up our prayer space. It means rolling out a rug, setting up the altar (it is on wheels), and setting up a few chairs. If you can help out, even once a month, that would be great. Please email Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com if you are able to help out. Thank you!

YOUTH/CONFIRMATION NIGHT

Attention all youth: We will be having a fun-filled evening of cookie making in the church hall on **Thursday, Nov. 30th** from 6:30-8:30. The cookies will be a tasty addition to our Christmas hampers given to families in need during the holiday season. Jesus shines through us when we give of our time and talents to others! Please contact Maria at: maria_costantini@yahoo.ca if you would like to join us for this evening.

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) invites all parishioners to a celebration of National Housing Day, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday November 19th** in the Jean Piggott room at Ottawa City Hall. Dr. Lindy Samson, Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer at CHEO, will speak about the importance of affordable housing for health and well-being and the role that non-profit groups play in helping meet this need. The afternoon will feature presentations by members of diverse faith traditions, along with sacred Aboriginal

drumming. Come and enjoy marimba music and refreshments, along with rich conversation about how we can work to bring affordable housing to our community.

For more information contact Rosemary Williams (613-829-1912) or Sr. Jean Goulet (613-225-9814).

"Whatsoever you do..."

NATIONAL HOUSING DAY – "There is no social or moral justification, NO JUSTIFICATION WHATSOEVER, for lack of housing."... Pope Francis.

St. Basil supports the work being done by the Multifaith Housing Initiative.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month set apart to remember and pray for all the faithful departed. As a Parish, it is right and fitting that we remember all the family members and friends who have gone before us. Our Book of Remembrance will be available in the back of the Church for those who wish to add the names of family members and friends who have died and we shall pray for them.

'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'

After all Masses throughout the month of November, The Knights of Columbus will be selling beautiful spiritual Christmas Cards at great prices. Please support this initiative and 'keep Christ in Christmas'.

FAMILY MASS

Parish' monthly Family Mass will be on next Sunday, **Nov. 26th at 9:00 a.m. Mass**. All children and youth are welcome to assist with a variety of jobs such as: greeters, handing out bulletins at the end of Mass, taking up collections, lector/reader, sing the recessional song: "Thank you Lord", and a family to take up the gifts during the offertory. Contact: maria_costantini@yahoo.ca to participate.

The **CWL** will be holding its Annual Christmas Bake Sale after all Masses on the **week-end of 2-3 December**. All donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted in the narthex on Saturday, December 2, between 2-4 pm. Thank you in advance for your support of this endeavour.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace proposes this year the theme, "Women at the Heart of Peace," and urges two things this month. On November 19 the Parish will be invited to send a postcard asking Prime Minister Trudeau to move from words to action to support women in peace-making, and to commit to a 0.07% of GDP target for development assistance. Also, a donation to Development and Peace in aid of the Rohingya refugees made by Nov. 28 will be matched by the federal government.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals for 2017/18 are available for purchase in the Narthex. Please put your \$5.00 for each missal in the wooden box on the table.

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OR BEQUEST TO ST. BASIL PARISH