



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
*"Destroy this temple,
 And in three days I will raise it up"*

Today's reading: Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; John 2.13-25
 Next week reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

This Week



Saturday, March 3 **3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children Choir
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 4 **3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep.
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Jack Sammon † req. by Marion & Fam.
 12:00 p.m. The Greening of Sacred Spaces

Monday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children Choir
 7:00 p.m. Heads of Parish Vitality Ministry
 8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro

Tuesday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation Service
 8:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 a.m. Mass
 1:00 p.m. Retirees
 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
 7:00 p.m. A.A. Executive Meeting

Thursday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (CWL)
 7:30 p.m. CWL Meeting
 8:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, March 10 **4th SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 11 **4th SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Mass

From the desk of Fr. James

3rd Week of Lent

In today's Gospel we have a unique event in the life of Jesus, an event at once baffling and revealing. The meek Jesus suddenly turns furious. What provoked his violent reaction?

At the heart of Jesus' reaction stands His relationship to His Father. "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's House a house of trade".

In fact Jesus has an all-consuming passion to honour His Father. So Jesus is very aggressive in his approach to the money-changers who dared to desecrate the sanctity of his Father's House. His words are strong. His actions are effective. The house of God is for worship. It cannot be misused through human cunning and greed for profit.

St. Paul would say that we are the temple of God. And in fact a Christian is ought to be the temple of God, the dwelling place of God. How much more then we should keep the sanctity of our lives! Can we then allow our lives to be desecrated with passion for power and money, selfishness and greed? And we can never be selfish in carrying out our responsibilities, cannot just remain self-satisfied ignoring the needs of the other. Mend our ways and allow Jesus to find home in us.

God Bless,
 Fr. James Raphael

Parish News

2017 TAX RECEIPTS

2017 Tax Receipts are available at the Narthex next to the offertory envelopes. Fr. James would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity to the Parish in the year 2017.

2018 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Parish Lenten Mission with Reconciliation Service will be on March 19th and 20th at 7 p.m.

The Preacher is Fr. Lester Mendonsa.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

Tues, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) Family Reconciliation Service
Sunday, March 18 (after 9 a.m. Mass):
Session 5: Do!

"Whatsoever you do..."

Join thousands of Canadian Christians this Lent by giving up practices that hurt the environment and calling on our government to match your actions by ending subsidies to the fossil fuel industry. C.P.J.



Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth!



MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join the CWL on **Friday, March 9** at 7:00 pm for Mary's Way of the Cross which "follows the Mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary".

CWL

The March CWL meeting will be held on **March 9** immediately following Mary's Way of the Cross (approximately 7:30pm). Hopefully many of you will be there for the Way of the Cross. We will have a short business meeting to plan upcoming events.

Please support this event.



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2018



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by D.J. 'Peter the Music Man' on Saturday March 17th in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00pm. This popular event, which sold out last year, is the social highlight of our calendar year. Tickets are \$22.50 per person and will be available after all

Masses starting February 24th as well as from the Parish Office. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day!!

ST. BASIL FOOD CUPBOARD: LOBLAWS \$25 GIFT CARDS

Some parishioners may be eligible to claim the Loblaws \$25 refund for bread price-fixing arrangements. Conditions of eligibility and registration can be reviewed @ LoblawsCard.ca, with refund claims at specific stores from January 8 to May 8, 2018. Anyone wishing to donate that refund to the St. Basil Food Bank, is encouraged to do so, with appreciation.

The donation can be in one of two ways;

1. Upon receipt of your \$25 Loblaws card, you can activate it and contribute the card as part of the Holy Thursday food donations; or
2. Activate the card and use it to purchase items that are always in short supply: such as peanut butter, canned fish and meats, cheese whiz.

From the Diocese and Community

ANCOURA

ANCOURA is looking for furniture donations!

-Comfy bedroom chair – drinking glasses – pots/pans – desk – living room chair – love seat.

If you can help please contact admin@ancoura.ca

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2018

Registration is now open for youth Grades 9-12, chaperones, and clergy interested in attending Steubenville Toronto with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, **July 13-15**. This is Canada's largest conference for Catholic Youth. Cost including bus: \$390. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by Feb 28. Priests only pay bus fee. More info: www.fymottawa.com/youth or contact Sophia Korban (skorban@archottawa.ca).

OTTAWA CATHOLIC PARENTING CHALLENGE

Take the Catholic Parenting Challenge presented by Evango and The Family & Youth Ministry Office. Step 1: Connect with other Parents, Mar. 1, 6-8 pm, St. Augustine, 1060 Baseline Road. Step 2: Take the 5 Day Challenge using short videos and simple actions to try at home. Step 3: Join the Facebook Live Chat, Mar. 8, 8-9 pm, on the Family & Youth Ministry Ottawa Page to continue the conversation. Info: www.fymottawa.com, skorban@archottawa.ca; (613-738-5025x222).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

PRO-LIFE

Palliative Care Focus Groups: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in collaboration with Pallium Canada and Dominican University College, has initiated focus-groups with some Catholic parishes in Ottawa. The purpose of the focus-groups is to learn from the faithful: which questions are being asked with regards to what palliative care is, what people know about Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. This first focus group is at the following location: Sun., Mar. 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Paroisse Sacré-Coeur. Info: (<http://sacrecoeurottawa.ca>).



SUNDAY, MARCH 11th
at 2:00 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS!

Remember to set your clocks
ahead.

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