

**SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016**

(Liturgical Year C)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****First Reading: Exodus 3.1 – 8, 13 – 15***Moses, you will tell the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1 – 6, 10 – 12***Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.***Gospel: Luke 13.1 – 9***Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.***This Week****Saturday, February 20 Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday, February 21 Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep

11:00 a.m. Mass for Clayton Gates req. by Nancy Gates

11:00 a.m. Mass for Special Intentions of Choir Members

**2:30 p.m. Create a Climate of Change****Monday, February 22**

9:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

**Tuesday February 23**

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:00 p.m. RCIA

**Wednesday February 24 Mass at Notre Dame High School**

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards &amp; Social

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Round Table Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, February 26**

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

**Saturday, February 27 Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir Workshop

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

**Sunday, February 28 Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Family Mass

10:00 a.m. Family Brunch

11:00 a.m. Mass for Denise Lavigne req. by John Watters

**2:30 p.m. Create a Climate of Change**

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Son, My  
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Him”

## Parish News

### FIRST COMMUNION

Here are the important dates for those who wish to prepare for First Communion at St Basil's. The preparation sessions will be in the Church Hall: **Feb. 21st, Mar. 6th, and Mar. 20th**. The children are to attend Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass followed by a half hour preparation session in the Church Hall (10 – 10:30 a.m.) on these dates. First Reconciliation will in the evening on **Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>**. First Communion will be at the 9 a.m. Mass on **Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The two workbooks can be purchased for a total of \$25.00. If your child does not attend St Daniel's please contact the Parish Office to arrange for receipt and payment for these books. Please contact Maria Amadio [maria.amadio@ocsb.ca](mailto:maria.amadio@ocsb.ca) to have your child registered for this program.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR:***“Create a Climate of Change”*

3 Sunday afternoons in Lent

**February 21, February 28, March 6**

2:30 – 4 p.m.

We will reflect on Laudato Si, the letter of Pope Francis  
On Care for our Common Home.

More info: co-chairs of the Mission & Social Justice Committee  
(Their contact info is on the Bulletin cover)

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

First Reconciliation	March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
Day of Reconciliation	March 4 @ 10 – 11 a.m. & 7 – 8 p.m.
Mass of Reconciliation	March 10 @ 7:00 p.m. (Indv. Confessions)
Chrism Mass	March 22 @ Notre Dame Cathedral
Holy Thursday	March 24 @ 7 p.m.
Passion of Christ	March 25 @ 3 p.m.
Easter Vigil	March 26 @ 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday	March 27 @ 9 & 11 a.m.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*“The fight against poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes.”*

Pope Francis

### CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2016

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by the Rob Kealey Band on **Saturday, March 12th** in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. This popular event, which sold out last year, is the social highlight of our calendar year. *Advance tickets \$22.50 per person and are available after all Masses starting February 20, 2016.* Proceeds to aid St. Basil's Building Initiative. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit!



### DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION

As part of the Year of Mercy & Healing events, the Diocese has designated **Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>** as a day of Confession. St Basil's will have confession on Friday March 4th **10 – 11 a.m. and 7 – 8 p.m.**

#### LAUDATO SI

Laudato si', On Care For Our Common Home is the encyclical of Pope Francis about crisis in the natural and social worlds. During Lent St. Basil's will hold three discussions on Sunday afternoons about the encyclical. Each weekend, the Bulletin will carry one message about it. Here is the second one.

- Everything connects. All human groups and systems connect with each other and with all of nature, every created and living thing. The natural environment, social issues, economics, technology, and politics are connected. All branches of science and every form of wisdom including culture, religion, and spirituality need to combine in an integrated ecology. Why? So as to reverse the degradation of nature and the human world before it's too late.

### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The St. Basil's Mission and Social Justice Committee invites parishioners to sign a petition to the Ontario Legislature in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to educate school children about the indigenous residential schools legacy and the need for reconciliation through education. The petition and explanatory materials can be viewed and downloaded from the St. Basil's website ([www.stbasilparish.ca](http://www.stbasilparish.ca)); follow the links to Parish Life, Christian Service, and Missions and Social Justice.

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will offer their 10 week BASIC COURSE for people interested in parish visiting. The course begins **March 14th to May 16th** at 1 to 3 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave. Registration is by March 7th. *For more information call Maureen Ramsay, 726-1767.*

### UPDATE IMAGINE ST. BASIL'S... DESIGN TEAM

#### EVANGELIZE: SHARE OUR ST. BASIL'S NEW WEBSITE

*An easy way to think about the new evangelization is to break it down into three parts: know the Faith, live the Faith, and share the Faith. This week our new St. Basil's Website was uploaded for all to see. It's colourful, easy to navigate, attractive, full of life, full of examples of how our parish lives the faith, and information about the faith. Go to [www.stbasilparish.ca](http://www.stbasilparish.ca) and see for yourself. Share our website with your family members and friends. Even if they live way beyond Rex Avenue. How? Facebook! Twitter! and a host of other social media apps. If you're above a certain age it may seem funny to ask you to "post" a link on your Facebook page telling people on your network to check out the new St. Basil's website. However, that's exactly what we are asking you to do! We are approximately 500 families. Research shows that 39% of adult Facebook users have between 1 and 100 Facebook friends. Do the math, and the reach of your networks is significant. For the new evangelization to work, it is necessary for each of us as Catholics to engage in all three areas, and to do so on a constant, unending basis. This week, we ask you to share the faith. Please post our website with your social media friends and family and let them find us. Easy.*

### MSF/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every year one million children under the age of 5 die of pneumonia. Most of these preventable deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Children infected with HIV are eight times more likely to develop pneumonia than HIV negative children. The Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) is working with Medicines Sans Frontieres / Doctors without Borders, in a six month campaign to persuade the two Pharmaceutical companies who manufacture the pneumonia vaccine to reduce the price of the vaccine for children living in poverty and in areas of conflict and natural disaster around the world. Next week one or two GRAN participants will be asking you to support this campaign, they will be in the Church entry passing out cards with the website address for you to consider signing the petition at home.

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

*Halfway there! Lenten Family Brunch – February 28th*, between the 9 a.m. Family Mass and the 11 a.m. Mass. All are invited for a Lenten Family brunch featuring child-friendly activities to deepen our understanding of this season. Homemade pretzels and drinks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring fruit to share.

### RENOVATION CAMPAIGN – BENEFIT CONCERT

On **April 2, 2016** the *National Capital Concert Band* under the direction of Maestro Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of *St Basil's Renovation Campaign*. Tickets will be on sale after each mass on *March 19th and March 26th* and will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund. Adults \$25, Children 5 to 12 years old \$10 (under 5 – free), Family \$60. Come support the capital campaign and enjoy a concert event. The repertoire will include music to suit a variety of musical tastes including classical and symphonic works. This musical performance promises to shake us to our foundations with a wall of sound, as the band raises the roof with their bold brass, mellow woodwinds and driving percussion in equal measure.

## From the Diocese

### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 21ST ~** *That all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments will be strengthened in their life and mission.*

### The Holy Year of Mercy,

*The pope also said he wants the church to live the upcoming holy year "in the light" of Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful, just as your father is merciful."*

*A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic Church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary jubilee years.*

*The last jubilee year was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II and was known as "the Great Jubilee." The last extraordinary jubilee year was held in 1983 to celebrate 1,950 years since the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*National Catholic Reporter 13 March 2015*

## A Thought