

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**First Reading: Acts 5.28 – 32, 40 – 41***We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.***Second Reading: Revelation 5.11 – 14***Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might.***Gospel: John 21.1 – 19***Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

This Week**Saturday, April 02 Divine Mercy Sunday**

1:30 p.m. Fund Raising Concert

5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

Sunday, April 03 Divine Mercy Sunday9:00 a.m. 1st Communion (Reception following)

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Noon Appreciative Inquiry

Monday, April 04 Easter Monday

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday April 05

9:00 a.m. Mass for Ken Barclay req. by Paul Davis

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:00 p.m. Appreciative Inquiry

Wednesday April 06 Mass at Notre Dame High School

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Social

7:00 p.m. Appreciative Inquiry

Thursday, April 07

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

7:00 p.m. Mission & Social Justice Committee Meeting

Friday, April 08

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, April 09 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. CWL Meeting

5:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Dawn & Larry Berrigan

Sunday, April 10 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gerald & Gertrude Plunkett req. by John & Mary Audcent

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

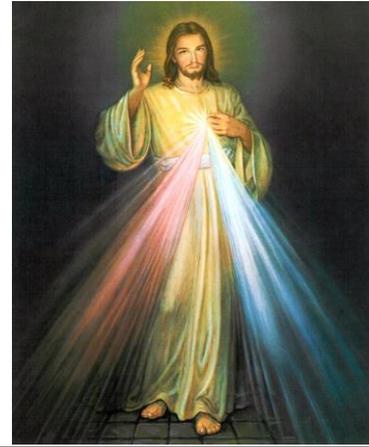
PRAYERS

Fr. Dan's knee surgery went well and he is healing as well as can be expected. He will be out of commission for quite a while. He asks that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a good recovery.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium



Parish News**NOURISHING A STATEMENT OF THE POSITIVE CORE OF ST. BASIL'S**

Parishioners of St. Basil's, please read what participants have shared in recent Parish Dialogues when asked "What is St. Basil's at its best?" Their feelings for St. Basil's are displayed on the walls on either side of the Nave of the church. Visit the two panels and read the key words and inspiring phrases.

Now it's your turn! Carry the conversation forward! Nourish us with your heartfelt and positive feelings for St. Basil's! Use the Post-it notes on the panels. Write a personal thought about a time when you felt most alive, involved, spiritually touched, or excited about your involvement with St. Basil's. Share in positive words what is in your heart when you think about St. Basil's. We want everyone's input. Chart the future of St. Basil's. Take this step forward.

MINISTRIES OF ST. BASIL'S

St Basil's Parish is blessed to have a large number of parishioners who are active in several different ministries. This year we will be describing the various pastoral ministries in periodic bulletin inserts. Please take time to learn about the varied and valuable contributions made by parishioners in these ministries. If you would like to join one of the ministries, contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

DIVINE MERCY PICTURE

The picture representing the Divine Mercy will be on display during the Year of Mercy.

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

The next meeting of the Mission and Social Justice Committee will be Thursday, April 7th at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room. All are welcome

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The federal government is developing legislation to implement the Supreme Court's decision to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Mission and Social Justice Committee has prepared a sample letter to the Ministers of Justice and Health calling for reasonable safeguards for vulnerable individuals and health care providers and institutions. You are invited to view the letter on the parish website (www.stbasilparish.ca) and send your own copy to the Ministers (cc. your Member of Parliament).

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

TWO MORE EVENING PARISH DIALOGUES SCHEDULED

Two more Evening Parish Dialogues are scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6** in the Parish Hall. More than sixty parishioners have been pleasantly surprised by the intimate and heartfelt dialogues they enjoyed in sessions held to date. Our goal is to hear from 100 parishioners. To paraphrase what participants have said to us: "I wasn't sure at first. I went anyway. So I told my story to one other person; then they told me theirs. Listening to one another drew us closer. It was all about why we love St. Basil's. That was easy to share. But, most of all, it gave me hope." Plan to attend: 7 – 9 pm, **Tuesday, April 5 or Wednesday, April 6**. Check the parish website for details – www.stbasilparish.ca

HAVE YOU LOST?

A piece of jewelry was found in the Church over the Easter weekend. If you have lost a piece of jewelry please call the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200

From the Diocese**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ APRIL 3RD ~ That the gift of Christ's peace will remain with all priests, deacons and those in the consecrated life who, sent in His name, proclaim the victory over the world through faith in Him.

From the Community**OK CLEAN WATER SPRING FASHION FUNRAISER**

On **April 11** at Shepherd's Fashions- Trainyards location. Come on out for a fun-filled evening 6:00- 9:00 and support a water project in Kumbo, Cameroon. www.okcleanwaterproject.org. Tickets at \$45 are available from horanc@sympatico.ca. 10% of proceeds goes to the charity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for meaningful volunteer work? Ancoura is a community agency located in the west end of Ottawa providing affordable housing and social supports to people living with a mental illness. We are looking for volunteers who can help on an occasional basis, become a visiting volunteer and develop relationships with our residents and make a year-long commitment or would like to become board members. For more information, please contact Liz Tyrwhitt at 613-830-8130 or liz@ancoura.ca

FRIENDS OF MADONNA HOUSE

An evening with Fr. Bob Wild of Madonna House discussing the status of Catherine's Cause for Canonization. **Sun., April 17, 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Church, 1153 Wellington. Free-will offering; bring snacks, desserts or beverages for social. Contact Per or Carole Talgo (613-260-9066); (ottawafriendsofmh@gmail.com).

FR WONG TRAVELS AGAIN

I will be leading a tour in **July 2016** to Russia, including Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as a cruise of the Baltic State Capitals including Estonia, Sweden and the Norwegian Fjords. Interested parishioners from St. Basil's who would like to obtain further info, please contact Dennis Kam 613-581-5566 at JBC Travels - Fr. Bosco Wong

What Now?

Is Easter Sunday 2016 to now be shelved away as a nice memory testified to by photos posted on Facebook? An opportunity for people to dress up and have good family time? Does the message of Easter end with the last Easter Sunday Mass? Liturgically, the Church says "no." We have the Easter Season — a needed time to reflect on the truth of the resurrection and to look to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. "Liturgical" here is important and it does certainly influence who we are but here I am specifically wondering about our day-to-day life outside the parish walls. Does Easter affect and shape who we are or does it remain a beautiful annual ritual that is left behind in the crowded Easter Sunday church parking lot? Do we take Easter with us into the streets of our lives and of our world or do we keep it hidden away behind locked doors — doors of a private faith, spirituality and morality, doors of our resignations and sense of hopelessness in the face of the pain of our world, doors of our fear to offend the accepted norm? Easter cannot stay hidden away. Easter demands that we go into the streets - no matter how uncomfortable it makes us or others... It is not enough to stay behind locked doors, no matter how pretty and gilded those doors may be... If we do so then the culture of fear wins and our lives become exceedingly small, constrained and life-denying. Joy is found only in following the risen Lord to wherever he might lead... One further thought: there is no time to waste. The angel instructs the women: go quickly... There is no time to lose, both for the work needing to be done in our own hearts as well as the work needing to be done in our world. In the light of the resurrection we must make use of every moment given to us. When all is said and done, we will each have to give an accounting of how we have lived the Easter we have been given in our lifetime... We are sons and daughters of the resurrection of our Lord! The Easter mystery is placed in our hearts and entrusted to us and it cannot remain behind locked doors, it demands to be taken out to the streets of our world!

—Fr. Michael Cummins – Word on Fire Blog – 28 March 2016

MERCY KILLING?

On **Wed., Apr. 13** from 7:00–8:00 pm you are invited to St. John the Apostle Parish hall (2340 Baseline Rd.) to hear Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life, speak on the critical life issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Free. Light refreshments. Info. & registration: Deborah (613-820-3580).

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Deacon Yves Trottier, of St. Monica Parish, for a presentation on the significance of the Holy Door and the Door of Mercy as our European Pilgrimage will journey through Europe visiting the 7 Holy Doors. The presentation will be held on **Saturday April 9, 2016** at St. Monica Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale Rd, Nepean, ON K2C 3H1 at 3:00 PM followed by mass at 5:00 PM. Pilgrimage is for 15 days, departing October 2, 2016, \$5145 per person/double occupancy includes tours, airfare and taxes. For more information on pilgrimage come to the presentation or contact David Hnatiw at 613-620-1196 or <http://catholicotours.ca>

TURNING USELESS INTO USEFUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Stores are a source of hope for many people, both those living in dire poverty as well as those living on a very frugal budget. Clothes and furniture that are surplus to your needs will receive a second life with the very many who rely on the St. Vincent de Paul Society. To schedule a pick-up of donated items please call (613-722-7166).

