

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2016

(Liturgical Year A)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1 – 6, 10*God himself will come and save us.***Second Reading: James 5.7 – 10***Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.***Gospel: Matthew 11.2 – 11***Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?*

This Week

Saturday, December 03 2nd Sunday of Advent5:00 p.m. Mass for Dan Janigan on the 16th anniversary of his death req. by Anna Janigan

5:00 p.m. Mass for Annie Perry req. by Anna Janigan

Sunday, December 04 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass for Mel Thompson req. by Brenda & John Worswick

3:00 p.m. Bytown Voices Concert

Monday, December 05

9:00 a.m. Mass for Fred Fletcher req. by his Family

7:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 06**10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex****Wednesday December 07 Mass at Notre Dame High School**

9:00 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame High School

Thursday, December 08

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

Friday, December 09

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

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, December 10 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class / Youth Group

11:00 a.m. Mass for Robert Blackstock req. by Vi Halstead

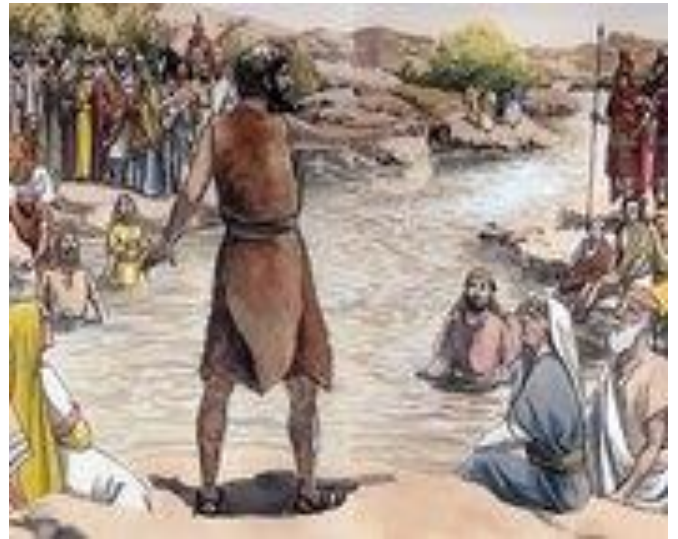
MASS AT MEDEX

The next Mass at Medex Extencare will be this **Tuesday December 6th** 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.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"...The (first) Christmas was not a condemnation of social injustice and poverty; it was an announcement of joy ... Christmas is joy, religious joy, God's joy, an inner joy of light and peace

Pope Francis – La Stampa Dec 08 2015



Parish News

CWL NEWS

- The CWL of St. Basil's would like to thank all those who indicated support by renewing or buying a new membership during our membership drive in the month of November. If you still wish to join, please call Marilyn Adair 613-274-3331.
- St. Basil's CWL will be holding their **Annual Christmas Bake Sale** after all Masses on the weekend of **3/4 Dec 2016**. All donations for this sale will be gratefully received on Saturday, 3 Dec 2016, between 2 and 4 pm in the narthex of the Church. Please plan to support the charitable work of the CWL by contributing, and purchasing, at this annual sale. Thank you in advance for all donations.

TURKEY DINNER

Our Annual Turkey Dinner is on **Saturday, 17 December**, following the 5 p.m. Mass. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available before and after Mass weekends of December 3 and 10. Cut-off date for tickets is Tuesday, Dec 13 and for more information contact Lorraine Shields at 728-8504 or Helen Lapierre 228-7227.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children and youth are invited to join the St. Basil's Christmas Eve Choir. Instead of doing a half hour concert this year before the 4:30 pm Mass, we will be singing one or two songs before the Mass starts, the entrance song and the recessional song. Practices for this will be held for a half hour after the 9:00 am Mass on the following Sundays: **Dec. 11th, and Dec. 18th**. If your child/children would like to participate this year, please email Maria at: maria_costantini@yahoo.ca or text 613-897-8935 with your child's name and age.

FAREWELL

Please join us on **Sunday December 18th** following the 11 a.m. Mass to say good-bye to Fr Dan. He will be leaving the end of December to go on sabbatical. Following his sabbatical he will be assisting his order, the Missionaries of the Holy Family.



ADVENT WREATH

Anyone who is interested in helping to light the advent candle before all the weekend masses during advent, please add your name in the book on the table at the back of the Church under the mass time that you are interested in. If there is no one listed to help at any of the masses, the ushers will ask a family to help. Thanks for making advent a special time with your assistance.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!** 

Again with the kind generosity of St Basil's parishioners the parish will be sponsoring a Christmas hamper/gift program. The key dates to remember are:

- 1) **Presents:** Christmas tree with gift name tags is set up in the church entrance take a tag, buy a gift, return the tag and wrapped gift.
- 2) **December 10th/11th:** Deadline weekend to return wrapped Christmas gift donations
- 3) **December 13th:** Preparation of the Christmas parcels in the church hall for delivery.
- 4) **December 17th/18th:** Parcels picked up for delivery to recipients by parishioners.

As has been the practice for several years, name tags with age/gender information will be on a Christmas tree at the church entrance. Please take a tag or two and purchase a gift for the child. Return the wrapped gift **WITH** the gift tag attached by the deadline date above. Volunteers on December 13th between 9:30 and 11:30 am in church hall, to assist with getting the Food & Christmas gift packages ready for delivery are welcome. Have a question? Want to volunteer? Please contact Michael and Michelle Gleeson at 613-729-5299 or mandmgleeson@rogers.com

THANK YOU

St Basil's parish was richly rewarded Sunday night by a beautiful service enriched by our wonderful choir and beautiful readings by our lectors as we enter advent, a time of hope leading to the Christmas season. The gratitude of all those who participated in the evening goes to the CWL for hosting a lovely wine reception that rounded out the evening, to the Choir, the Lectors and especially our music director Heather Reid, who created and directed a beautiful beginning to Advent.

MISSALS

The new Missals for 2016/17 are available for purchase in the Narthex. Please put your **\$5.00** for each missal in the wooden box on the table. There are also a limited number Children's Missals available at a cost of **\$5.00** each as well.

FOR YOUR INFO....

The new priest Fr Ross Finlan will begin at St Basil's on Saturday December 31st and will remain here until the summer when new appointments are made. Fr Dan will be leaving approximately December 30th. Contact information for Fr Dan will be available from the Parish office **after that date.**

*From the Diocese***PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 11TH ~ For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP

Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux vocations@archottawa.ca or; <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood> or 613-558-1445.

Whatsoever you do...

With Our visiting priest, Fr. Endashaw S.J., Director of Refugee Services takes a message of hope whenever he visits the many refugee camps in Eastern Africa. We too are called to bring a message of hope to others during this Advent Season. St. Basil's supports the work of Canadian Jesuits International

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

*From the Community***MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Please check out some new pages on the website of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, www.msf-america.org : Our Mission Office, Food Packets for the Poor, and Gregorian Masses. Our food packets, \$21 each, feed a family of four for two weeks. Gregorian Masses are a series of 30 consecutive Masses for the release of a Holy Soul in Purgatory, and the minimum suggested donation is \$200. There are many other resources for your spiritual life too, including our Holy Family Novena which begins on Friday, December 30. If you have any questions, please send us an e-mail at mprater@msf-america.org . Thank you and God bless your family! +JMJ+

ADVENT "GAUDETE" LESSONS AND CAROLS

Presented by the Choirs of Saint Patrick Basilica, with Brass Ensemble, on **Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.** in the Basilica. Prepare for Christmas with an hour of music and reflection, including congregational singing, instrumental music, and choral offerings. All are welcome. Info: 613-233-1126 x 561.

CELEBRATION OF PRAYER & WORSHIP

La Pietà Prayer Group New Year's Eve – Vigil of Mary Mother of God at St. Maurice Church, **Sat., Dec. 31.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.; the Mysteries of the Rosary; the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Christmas Hymns; Vigil Mass, 11:00 p.m. presided by Fr. Tim Devine. Info: (613-224-1892).