

## SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 08 JANUARY 2017

(Liturgical Year A)

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD****First Reading: Isaiah 60.1 – 6***The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.***Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2 – 3, 5 – 6***Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.***Gospel: Matthew 2.1 – 12***We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.*

# This Week

**Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m. Mass for the Brennan, Des Roches &amp; Walsh Families req. by Ken &amp; Janet Des Roches

5:00 p.m. Ron Halstead on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death req. by Vi & Family**Sunday, January 01 New Year's Day**

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

11:00 a.m. Mass for Repose of the Soul of Poon Ko Wai Hong, mother of Catherine Cheung

**Monday, January 02**

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

**Tuesday January 03****10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex****Wednesday January 04 Mass at St Basil's**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, January 05**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, January 06**

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

**Saturday, January 07 Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 08 Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting will be on **Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30** in the Sacristy. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note the Parish Office will close at noon on **Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** and will reopen on **Tuesday 3 January 2017**. We pray you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with many glorious memories!



## Parish News

**MASS AT MEDEX**

The next Mass at Medex Extencicare will be this **Tuesday 03 January** 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.

**ADORATION**

We resumed our First Friday Devotions under a new format. We begin with Mass at 9 a.m. Immediately following Mass we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to join us this **Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>** for this very important part of our Catholic Spirituality.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****'WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR' SUNDAY BRUNCH**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Basil's Round Table, will be hosting their annual 'Welcome in the New Year' Sunday Brunch after both Masses next **Sunday, January 08<sup>th</sup>** in our Parish Hall. As well, we will welcome Father Ross Finlan our interim Administrator. What better way to celebrate the New Year as a community!

**EUCCHARIST AT YOUR PEW**

At St. Basil's, we take great pride in the fact that Holy Communion is given to our "special care" parishioners at their pews. Just a reminder that during the Christmas/New Year's season **only**, with the large increase in our congregation, we will serve Holy Communion to our "special care" parishioners **after** the main congregation. Please identify yourself or your loved one to the Ushers **before** Mass.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*"To waste time — if I may say it — before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in the silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord, and I adore Him."*

*Pope Francis – Aleteia 20 Oct 2016*

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

A volunteer is needed on Friday mornings to set up the Altar and be the Lector at the 9 a.m. Mass. Are you able to assist with these Ministries beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>? Please contact the Parish Office.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank You for Your Generosity!!

The children's presents have been wrapped, the Christmas food hampers have been prepared and delivered to the various households.

Thanks to our parishioners generosity, St Basil's parish is once again spreading Christmas cheer and hope to approximately 125 people of which 48 are children. Each household has received a bag of groceries from the parish food cupboard along with gift cards from Metro/Food Basic. Families with children have also received Christmas gifts purchased by parishioners. Thanks to the group of Santa's helpers that put together the packages, as well as the drivers that delivered the parcels.

### THANK YOU

Many thanks to Helen Lapierre and her wonderful team of kitchen and serving staff, a fabulous sit down turkey dinner was enjoyed by many parishioners of St Basil's on Saturday, December 17th. What started out to be a dinner enjoyed by a family has grown into a gathering of St Basil's Church family. A surprise choral group added to the festivities this year. We are indeed blessed as a parish to enjoy the fruit of the efforts of these wonderful volunteers. Any funds in excess of expenses will be donated to the Restoration Fund.

### ENVELOPES

Contribution Envelopes for 2017 are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. If you do not have and would like Contribution Envelopes for 2017 (tax receipts are issued for contributions made using envelopes) please contact the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext. 200.

### SAVE THE DATE..... JANUARY 28, 2017

If plans for your future include St. Basil's Parish, join the discussions on **January 28 from 10 am to 3 pm** at St. Basil's. The Imagine St. Basil's Team will present its report. All leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend to discuss how we will move forward. Stay tuned for more details.

## From the Diocese

### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

**NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> ~** *That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations.*

### HOMELANDS MASS

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, will be on Sun., **Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for this multicultural event!



*"Whatsoever you do..."*

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE...** *On this 50th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis tells us - "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace."*

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## From the Community

### FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" **Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6.** Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Too early to register your little one for kindergarten? Absolutely not! If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the high-quality kindergarten program at all Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Our 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **January 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. We welcome all! **All schools offer rich French programming** within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment, representing an excellent choice for your child as they begin their school years. "Kindergarten – where dreams take off." For more information, visit [ocsb.ca/kindergarten](http://ocsb.ca/kindergarten).

### STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING

Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow 613-738-5025 ext. 222; [kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP

Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wed., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445) or [vocations@archottawa.ca](mailto:vocations@archottawa.ca); <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood>

## Food for Thought

*"Mary Mother of God"*

Today's feast focuses on the role of Mary in the wonderful miracle of the Incarnation. She was closest to all that happened, and it was she who came to know that God is here with, for and among us. As we celebrate this feast of Mary as the Mother of God, we, too, pause to ponder. What does it mean to be the Mother of God? What does this title say about Mary? About God? About us? And about the church that gave her this title? We begin this new year with fascinating questions.

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