



***“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord’”***

Today's reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

Next week reading: Isaiah 62.1-5; Acts 13.16-17,22-25; Matthew 1.18-25
Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16

This Week

Saturday, December 16 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 17 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Mass for Tom Anzai † req. by Delfin, Pesito & Friends

11:00 a.m. Mass for Helen Volk † req. by Evelyn Botham
Mass for Marguerite & Mary Angela Roche † req. by David Casey

5:30 p.m. Parish Turkey Dinner

Monday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Mass for Muriel Hart † req. by the Family

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir – Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 19

10:30 a.m. MASS at MEDEX

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Mass for Marjorie Riopelle † req. by Margo & Pat Latimer

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, December 23 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 24 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. NO MASS

Sunday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:30 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Mass for Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families

Mass for Jane Knox req. by Ruth Jenkins

10:00 p.m. Mass

From the desk of Fr. James

“Gaudete Sunday”

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word Gaudete means REJOICE.

We rejoice because the celebration of Christmas is near, and because the one foretold by John the Baptist has come into the world to save us from our sins.

John came to testify to the light. He pointed out the Messiah by his exclamation, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” John was the voice for the Eternal Word of God, announcing His coming through his message of repentance. As this beautiful season continues to unfold, may we open our hearts more and more to the Lord.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. NO MASS

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. Mass (Christmas Pageant)

7:30 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of the Holy Family- Sat/Sun, December 30th/31st

5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. NO MASS

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan.1st

10:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas and New Year's (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation.



Parish News

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **December 25, 26 and 27, 2017**

2018 – OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

St. Basil's 2018 offertory envelopes are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. Fr. James would like to thank all the Parishioners for their generosity shown in 2017. Your donations are critical for the financial health of the Parish. The Parish encourages everyone to use our Sunday Collection Envelopes or PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) programme. Those of you who do not have Sunday Collection Envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

ASSISTANCE FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION



If you or your loved ones need Holy Communion at your pew, please identify yourself to the Ushers **before** Mass each week. Please note that during Christmas Masses, due to the larger number of parishioners in attendance, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will bring you Holy Communion **after** the main congregation has been served.

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

On Sunday, **December 10th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass** Georgia Malpass and Logan Carter celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate. Their sponsors are Maria Costantini and Aaron Ludmer. Georgia and Logan are now journeying in faith to full communion in the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at St. Basil's. Please journey in prayer and support with Georgia and Logan

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

(St. Gregory Nazianzen – friend of St. Basil)



Reusable grocery bags

THANK YOU NOTE

Now that the seasons have changed we as Parishioners of St. Basil Parish would like to thank Pam Casserley for the wonderful job she did in the gardens around our Church. The transplanting, the watering, the weeding, the planning of new beds, the trimming of the cedars by her husband Jim and Jim Ramsay is gratefully acknowledged by all of us.

Also we would like to acknowledge the services done by Arthur Burnett and others for keeping our Church premises clean and beautiful

From the Community

OCSB CHILDREN CHOIR- CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The OCSB Choirs present their annual Christmas Concert "GLORIA!" on Monday, **December 18, 2017** at 7:00 PM at St. Basil Parish. The concert will feature the OCSB Children's, Boys' and Chamber Choirs and guests. Tickets are \$15, available at the door. Refreshments will be served.

THE STAR CHRISTMAS MOVIE-PARTY

Stage show; free gift to all kids; Christmas treat plus the new animated movie THE STAR. Charity event to help families in need. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame Catholic HS, 710 Broadview Ave., **Sat., Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m.** Tickets in advance \$9; at the door \$12. Hosted by Ottawa Family Cinema Foundation. Info: www.familycinema.ca.

FREE CINEMA FORUM NIGHT

Film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints (one saint/evening). Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 320 Olmstead, Vanier. Last Friday of every month starting **Jan. 26**. Info: assumption@rogers.com; 613-746-8503.

From the Diocese

HOMELANDS' MASS

At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible to Deacon Gilles Ouellette (gouellette@archottawa.ca) before Jan. 5. All welcome!



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