



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the King."

Today's reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Next week reading: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20; John 1.35-42



This Week

Saturday, January 6 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 7 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Welcome in the New Year Brunch
11:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 a.m. Welcome in the New Year Brunch

Monday, January 8 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA- Westboro

Tuesday, January 9
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. K of C Council 485
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Retiree
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, January 11
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mission and Social Justice Committee Mtg

Friday, January 12
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, January 13 **2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
11:00 a.m. CWL meeting
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 14 **2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Comm. Session 2: COME!
11:00 a.m. Mass



From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (Matthew 22.15-21a)

Solemnity of the Epiphany

In the history, God is said to have manifested in numerous ways taking different forms. Here is a God who reveals himself through himself – God taking the form of a human person to reveal his closest relationship with the humanity. But there are only few who are with the grace to recognize the manifestation of God. The 'pagan' wise men could recognize the God who took flesh in the world, but a people who waited for the Lord, who had all the indications already provided to them through the scriptures, failed to receive him when he finally approached the humans.

There is a dynamic effect for any encounter with God. The magi recognize God and they offered gifts, offered themselves to the Lord.

The Nazareth-manifestation of God still continues. But it is not enough to see God in a manger or on the Cross. The feast of Epiphany calls each one of us to offer ourselves as a gift to the Lord, to become a reality of sharing and participating in the very sharing of God's nature with the humanity.

I would like to thank all those who coordinated and collaborated with our beautiful Christmas – New Year Celebrations. The Choir, Décor, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, the Youth and the Children – Every one of you played your role responsibly to make it a joyful and meaningful celebration.

Let us continue to build up a vibrant faith Community as we grow through the New Year 2018

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are asking all parishioners to please be watchful for ice build-up while entering the Church/Office areas.

Parish News

2018 – OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

St. Basil's 2018 offertory envelopes are still 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.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Jan. 14 (9 am) Welcome Mass followed by
Session 2: Come!

Sunday, Jan. 28 (after 9 am Mass) **Session 3: Listen!**

Sunday, Feb. 4 (9 am) Listen Mass

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass **Session 4: Reconciliation**

Tuesday, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) Family Reconciliation Service

Session 5: Do! (TBD)

A supervised play area is available for siblings if required. Contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com with the name and age of the sibling attending.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Let us love, not with words but with deeds"

- what can we do this week to heed the words of St. John?



Repair and replace missing buttons

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on **Monday, January 8th** at 9.30 a.m. in the sacristy.

CWL



Members of the Catholic Women's League are reminded that the first meeting of the New Year will be held on **Saturday, 13 Jan 2018, at 11:00 am** in the room under the sacristy. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. The CWL is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

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

Thanks to parishioners generosity, St Basil's parish has send Christmas cheer, hope, food and gifts to approximately 100 people (79 adults and 34 children). Each household received a bag of groceries from the parish food cupboard along with home baked cookies from the St Basil's youth program and gift cards from Metro/Food Basic with a dollar value of \$50 to \$125 based on the size of the household. Families with children also received Christmas gifts purchased by parishioners.

A special thank you to the group of Santa's helpers that put together the Christmas packages as well as the parishioners that volunteered to deliver the packages to the recipients. Your efforts in delivering these packages before Christmas are very much appreciated. A special thank you to Maria Costantini and the youth of the parish who baked/packaged delicious homemade cookies to the included in the hampers this year. This was a lovely personal touch.

INDIGENOUS AWARENESS TRAINING

The Mission and Social Justice Committee encourages all parishioners to attend a day-long workshop on **January 20th** to learn about history, culture and contemporary issues impacting Indigenous people in Canada. The day of learning will be led by Ashely Keays, a dynamic woman from the Indigenous Awareness Training Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police. It is sponsored by the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa and the Dialogue Circle for Renewed Relationships. This group brings together people from several RC churches, including St. Basil's, to help parishioners increase their understanding and build respectful relationships with Indigenous people. The event is free; no registration is required. Just bring a brown-bag lunch to St. Paul University, 223 Main St., Room L120, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on January 20th. For more information call Rosemary Williams 613-829-1912 or Jim and Maureen Ramsay (613-726-1767).

From Community

COMMUNITY HELPERS TRAINING

4 session programme; reach out to isolated seniors. Topics: ageism, mental/physical/spiritual health, elder abuse, loss and grief and diversity. St Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd., **Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22**, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Info: Megan Richards (613-591-3686x324; richards@worc.ca).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2018

The Church will mark the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, **22 April 2018**. The Holy Father has released a Message entitled "**Listening, discerning and living**", which is available on the Vatican website. Pope Francis refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern and live* this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness." The Message is also linked with the upcoming Synod of Bishops that will take place on October 2018 on the theme *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration Week for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will take place **Jan. 15-19, 2018**. Registration info and listing of Registration Open House events at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

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