



4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*"They were all amazed:
A new teaching – with authority"*

Today's reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; 1 Corinthians 7.32-35; Mark 1.21-28

Next week reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23; Mark 1.29-39

This Week

Saturday, January 27 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Faulkner and Light
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 28 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Comm. Session 3: LISTEN!
Confirmation Prep.
11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro

Tuesday, January 30

10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Retirees
7:00 p.m. K of C Round Table
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Mass in Thanksgiving
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, February 3 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 4 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Mass for Nicholas Randing (lvq)
11:00 a.m. Mass



From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28)
Power & Authority

Today's Gospel passage says Jesus taught in the synagogue and His teaching made deep impression on the people because His teaching differed from that of the scribes. In what does the teaching of Jesus differ from that of the scribes? It is in the fact that Jesus taught with authority. He spoke with the finality of the voice of God. With His divine authority and power Jesus casts out demons. This is a sign that the Kingdom of God has broken into the world, overcoming the power of evil. It is a sign of the victory of light over darkness.

When Jesus teaches, he shares not only His wisdom but His power. Jesus' actions are His principal teachings. That is His unique authority. He uses His power to liberate people from the evil forces that dominate their lives.

The important point is that Jesus stays committed to using His power for good. He continues to exercise His authority to liberate those who are bound up and to confront those who lay burdens on the weak. Applause or no applause; no matter what the opinion polls say, Jesus carries on with His mission.

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.



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Parish News

SIGN OF PEACE DURING WINTER/FLU SEASON

Parishioners are encouraged to use discretion while exchanging peace at the Mass during the flu season.

If you have a cold, you may refrain from shaking hands. Feel free to use other appropriate gestures (a nod with your head, raising your palm, a smile, etc.)



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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..."

Pope Francis encourages us to react against a culture of discard and waste and to embrace the culture of encounter



How did you do?

St. Basil's has now been accepted as a member of the Green Churches Network. We have challenged each Ministry to consider how they could support or add to the greening of our space in the areas of SPIRITUAL- EDUCATION or ACTION. The challenge has been answered by:

- The CWL – when heating pipes are repaired in the spring, the CWL will move forward with the modifications to the locations of the recycling and green bins as well as the efficiency of the kitchen. They will also investigate the possibility of having more trees planted by the city.
- The Music Ministry and the Eucharistic Ministers have indicated ways in which they could use less paper.
- The Mission and Social Justice Ministry will organize an educational event in the future.

Ministries, committees and individual parishioners, please send us your suggestions and ideas to stbasilsgreenteam@gmail.com and look for further news in Lent and beyond.

SOUP AND TALK BY MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMM.

On Sunday February 11 there will be a soup-and-talk event in the Parish Hall at 12:00PM organized by the Mission and Social Justice Committee. The speaker will be Anita Vandebeld, MP for Ottawa West-Nepean, and she will speak on the theme "Together for Peace" of Development and Peace Share Lent campaign. Before her election, Ms. Vandebeld had extensive experience in Africa working with women's groups to encourage political participation.

From the Diocese and Community

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE & SOLEMN MASS FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW ALTAR AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to participate on **Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass. Also on that day, the relic of Saint Francis Xavier will be displayed for veneration at the Cathedral.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC TOUR

The famous relic of St. Francis Xavier is here in North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. Opportunity for public veneration of the relic will be available as follows: Sainte-Marie d'Orléans, **Wed., Jan. 31**, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.; St. John the Apostle, **Thurs., Feb 1**, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Notre Dame Cathedral, **Fri., Feb. 2**, 1:00 – 10:00 p.m. Hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, Archdiocese of Ottawa and Jesuits in Canada. Info: <https://cco.ca/relic/>; 613-736-1999.

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*.

PRO-LIFE

Is someone contemplating euthanasia? Available Prevention Resources: Helpline: 1-855-675-8749; [Compassionate Community Care](#) (CCC) is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. Resources available: half-page flier; business card-sized ad (for social media/website); small poster; [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#) wallet card with the helpline.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

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