



5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases"

Today's reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23; Mark 1.29-39
 Next week reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31 – 11.1; Mark 1.40-45

This Week

Saturday, February 3 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, February 4 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Mass
 12:00 p.m. Retirees
 6:00 p.m. Development & Peace Share Lent Worship
 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
 7:00 p.m. A.A. Executive Meeting

Thursday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10 6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

11:00 a.m. CWL meeting
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 11 6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Mass-Special Intentions of Mrs. Janet-Lynn
 Jenkins & Family Req. by Pauline & Ray Kenny



From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:29-39)

"Everybody is looking for you"

"Everybody is looking for you." The disciples were meaning to say, "We are feeling a kind of void in your absence. Please fill it with your presence." Jesus readily sets out with them. We see man searching for God and God answering the search. This search for God is an innate instinct with man. He feels the void till he finds him. That is why Paul says, "I am bound to preach the gospel, owe to me if I don't (Today's second reading). Job speaks of the nothingness of man. Man's soul is restless till it reaches God. An atheist officer took the interview of an applicant. *Do you believe in God? No. What is your opinion about those who believe? They are fools. God is only a fairy tale. What is religion, then? It is the opium of the people. What does religion do? It exploits the poor.* The officer was pleased and handed over his appointment letter. The applicant said, "Thanks be to God." Like the qualities of the parents are found in the children, the craving for the creator is present in every creature. When man tries to fill this void with things other than God, he loses his track. Many try to fill it with money, position, etc. They not only fail in their attempt, but also miss God forever, falling into the trap of the liar who says, "This is the thing you are searching for", like he did with Adam and Eve.

I am happy to inform the Parishioners that now we have two brand new white magnetic bulletin boards mounted on the wall in between the baptistery. The East side board is exclusively for the Parish related news items and the West side board is for the Diocesan and Community related news items.

We have moved one more step forward beautifying our Parish and better communication, especially making the narthex neat and tidy (Care for Creation).

Let us not use the hazardous easels anymore in front of the Church. Also please note that news items placed on these boards require prior approval from the Parish office. Items placed

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

without approval may be removed. Please make sure to use these boards for better communication.

Happy Communication!

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on February 14. The meaning of Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.

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, 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..."

Promoting social justice means defending equal rights for all in order to foster the development of the poorest amongst us. Social justice is an important part of peace.



Turn down the heat by 1 degree

THE GREEN TEAM UPDATE

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 Caring Ministries will add Prayers for Mother Earth in their prayer shawl ceremonies.

- 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.

SHARE LENT-DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace will be holding 2018 Share Lent Campaign **"TOGETHER FOR PEACE"**. Come and find out about the new resources, renew relationships with other D&P parish reps, and enjoy some light refreshments. Choose a workshop which best suits you based on location or date: **Wed. February 7 from 6:30 to 8:30. pm at St Basil's Parish Hall, OR Thurs, February 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Assumption Parish Hall, 320 Olmstead, near Vanier Parkway. Info: Angela Davis (613-237-0093)**

SOUP AND TALK BY

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

On Sunday February 11 there will be a soup-and-talk event in the Parish Hall at 12:00 pm organized by the Mission and Social Justice Committee. The speaker will be Anita Vandenberg, 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. Vandenberg had extensive experience in Africa working with women's groups to encourage political participation.

From the Diocese and Community

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

Call for Conscience Campaign: The Archdiocese of Ottawa, in agreement with the Association of Ontario Bishops, is helping in the initiative of the Call for Conscience Campaign organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. This initiative is seeking the participation of Catholic parishes in raising awareness of euthanasia/assisted suicide and the discriminatory position in which doctors, caregivers, and healthcare providers find themselves. To be involved in notifying your local MPP concerning the protection of healthcare workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide, all parishes have more information. . www.canadiansforconscience.ca.

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