



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

*“God sent his only begotten Son
so that the world might be saved through him.”*

Today's reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

Next week reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

This Week

Saturday, March 10 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 11 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 a.m. Social Action Committee

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
7:00 p.m. K of C Council 485
7:30 p.m. By Town Voices

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 a.m. NO MASS
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Faulkner †
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Mass for Kelly Jr. Leclair † requested by Art and
Lola Burnett
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

Friday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, March 17 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. Mass for Patrick Kelly † req. by Anna & Patricia

Sunday, March 18 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Session 5: Do !
11:00 a.m. Mass
CONFIRMATION



From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel: John: 3-14-21

God so loved the world ... only son ...

Pope Benedict pointed that “the Son” is the most important title of Jesus. Being the Son is more than being son of God or son of Man in scriptures. Jesus revealed to us his primary relationship with the Father so that we may share this life in Him.

God so loved the world ... for the exceeding great love God had towards us – when we had put ourselves far, far away from Him and where trapped, morose and dying – He came to us, stooped to us, caught us up in the loving heart of His Son, healed our crookedness, unbound our bonds, transformed our despair into joyful hope and praise.

Christ is still shining on us like the newly rising sun, summoning us from death to the very fullness of life in him. Once we acknowledge God's love, it becomes part of our very being, then there will be no stopping us.

This exceeding love will drive us on to give ourselves totally to God and to our neighbors. The Season of Lent calls us to get filled with that exceeding love of God and neighbor. Love is something that we give away. Let us find ways to express and share the love of God to others.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

Parish News

2018 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Parish Lenten Mission with Reconciliation Service will be on March 19th and 20th at 7 p.m.
The Preacher is Fr. Lester Mendonsa.

See the bulletin board for more information about Fr. Lester Mendonsa.

ST. BASIL SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION-2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2018 will take place on March 18th during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe, of the Diocese of Salut-Ste. Marie, will be the main Celebrant. Parents, please note that you will have to be in the Church with your children and

sponsors at least twenty minutes before the Mass starts. Please provide the names of the sponsors to the Parish office at the latest by March 12th, 2018.

It is mandatory that the sponsors chosen, are practicing Catholics and of the age of sixteen and above.

COMMUNION ON CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Confirmation Sunday at Communion time, parishioners seated on the Tabernacle side will be directed by the ushers down the side aisle to the Eucharist Ministers standing near the Tabernacle. Those requiring Communion at their seats will be served after the main congregation has received.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS**

The Last Session for 1st Communion will be on: Sunday, March 18 (after 9 a.m. Mass): Session 5: Do!

Let's support the children preparing for their First Communion. Grab a card from the basket at the back of the church to choose a child to remember in your prayers.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity are not achieved once and for all, they have to be realized each day. Pope Francis



Reusable grocery bags

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The annual Share Lent collection for the work of Development and Peace will taken up next Sunday, **March 18th**. For those using the "My Offering" boxes, an envelope for this purpose is included, and there will also be a supply of special envelopes in the pews.

**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2018**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by D.J. 'Peter the Music Man' on **Saturday March 17th** in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00pm. This popular event, which sold out last year, is the social highlight of our calendar year. Tickets are \$22.50 per person and will be available after all

Masses starting February 24th as well as from the Parish Office. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day!!

CANCEL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON RETIREES CARD GAME ON MARCH 14, 2018.

Retirees will not meet on this day as the hall is not available.

ST. BASIL FOOD CUPBOARD: LOBLAWS \$25 GIFT CARDS

Some parishioners may be eligible to claim the Loblaws \$25 refund for bread price-fixing arrangements. Conditions of eligibility and registration can be reviewed @ LoblawCard.ca, with refund claims at specific stores from January 8 to May 8, 2018. Anyone wishing to donate that refund to the St. Basil Food Bank, is encouraged to do so, with appreciation.

The donation can be in one of two ways; 1. Upon receipt of your \$25 Loblaws card, you can activate it and contribute the card as part of the Holy Thursday food donations; or 2. Activate the card and use it to purchase items that are always in short supply: such as peanut butter, canned fish and meats, Cheese Whiz.

From the Diocese and Community**CHRISM MASS**

At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., **Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Way of the Cross: On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

MSGR. JOSÉ BETTENCOURT NAMED ARCHBISHOP

The Vatican has announced that Msgr. José Bettencourt, a priest from our Archdiocese, will be ordained a bishop on March 19th, Feast of St. Joseph, by His Holiness Pope Francis. Archbishop-elect Bettencourt will serve as Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. We congratulate Bishop Bettencourt and ask you to keep him in your prayers. Background info: Msgr. José Bettencourt was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1993 by Archbishop Marcel Gervais. In the Archdiocese of Ottawa, he served as Assistant Pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish (1993-1994) and Administrator at Senhor Santo Cristo Parish (1994-1995) before entering the diplomatic service of the Holy See. Since 2013, he has held the office of Chief of Protocol for the Secretariat of State (Holy See).

PRO-LIFE

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in collaboration with Pallium Canada and Dominican University College, has initiated focus-groups with some Catholic parishes in Ottawa. The purpose of the focus-groups is to learn from the faithful: which questions are being asked with regards to what palliative care is, what people know about Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. This first focus group is at the following location: Sun., Mar. 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Paroisse Sacré-Coeur. Info: <http://sacrecoeurottawa.ca>