

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 06 MARCH 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**First Reading: Joshua 5.9, 10 – 12***Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.***Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17 – 21***Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.***Gospel: Luke 15.1 – 3, 11 – 32***This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.***This Week****Saturday, February 27 Third Sunday of Lent**

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

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 28 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Family Mass

10:00 a.m. Family Brunch

11:00 a.m. Mass for Denise Lavigne req. by John Watters

11:00 a.m. Mass for Norm Emery req. by Mary Emery

2:30 p.m. Create a Climate of Change**Monday, February 29**

9:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday March 01

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:30 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting

Wednesday March 02 Mass at Notre Dame High School

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Social

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 03

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 04

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Day of Reconciliation Confessions

7:00 p.m. Day of Reconciliation Confessions

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, March 05 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 06 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep

11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Social Action Meeting

2:30 p.m. Create a Climate of Change**Parish News**
FIRST COMMUNION

Here are the important dates for those who wish to prepare for First Communion at St Basil's. The preparation sessions will be in the Church Hall: **Mar. 6th, and Mar. 20th**. The children are to attend Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass followed by a half hour preparation session in the Church Hall (10 – 10:30 a.m.) on these dates. First Reconciliation will in the evening on **Tuesday March 8th**. First Communion will be at the 9 a.m. Mass on **Sunday April 3rd**. The two workbooks can be purchased for a total of \$25.00. If your child does not attend St Daniel's please contact the Parish Office to arrange for receipt and payment for these books. Please contact Maria Amadio maria.amadio@ocsb.ca to have your child registered for this program.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:*"Create a Climate of Change"*

Next 2 Sunday afternoons in Lent

February 28, March 6

2:30 – 4 p.m.

We will reflect on Laudato Si, the letter of Pope Francis
On Care for our Common Home.

More info: co-chairs of the Mission & Social Justice Committee
(Their contact info is on the Bulletin cover)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

First Reconciliation	March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
Mass of Reconciliation	March 10 @ 7:00 p.m. (Indv. Confessions)
Chrism Mass	March 22 @ Notre Dame Cathedral
Holy Thursday	March 24 @ 7 p.m.
Passion of Christ	March 25 @ 3 p.m.
Easter Vigil	March 26 @ 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday	March 27 @ 9 & 11 a.m.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2016
 The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by the Rob Kealey Band on **Saturday, March 12th** in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. This popular event, which sold out last year, is the social highlight of our calendar year. **Advance tickets \$22.50 per person and are available after all Masses starting February 20, 2016.** Proceeds to aid St. Basil's Building Initiative. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us once were foreigners."

Pope Francis

MASS OF RECONCILIATION

On **Thursday March 10th at 7 p.m.** there will be a Mass for Reconciliation during this Year of Mercy. Individual confessions will be available immediately following the Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be this **Monday March 7th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Sacristy.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will offer their 10 week BASIC COURSE for people interested in parish visiting. The course begins **March 14th to May 16th** at 1 to 3 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave. Registration is by March 7th. For more information call Maureen Ramsay, 726-1767.

LAUDATO SI

Laudato si', This is the third of six messages about On Care For Our Common Home, the Pope's environmental (natural and social) encyclical of Pope Francis.

- Everyone must act. Pope Francis calls everyone, from the least to the mightiest, to contribute to the solution. Let's recycle; use less water and electricity; but also sign and act on global agreements to reduce carbon dependency. He also calls on people to get organized and convince political and business leaders to look beyond short-term gain and to think of the world that we bequeath to future generations.

MSF/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every year one million children under the age of 5 die of pneumonia. Most of these preventable deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Children infected with HIV are eight times more likely to develop pneumonia than HIV negative children. The Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) is working with Medicines Sans Frontieres / Doctors without Borders, in a six month campaign to persuade the two Pharmaceutical companies who manufacture the pneumonia vaccine to reduce the price of the vaccine for children living in poverty and in areas of conflict and natural disaster around the world. This weekend one or two GRAN participants will be asking you to support this campaign, they will be in the Church entry passing out cards with the website address for you to consider signing the petition at home.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN – BENEFIT CONCERT

On **April 2, 2016 beginning at 1:30** the *National Capital Concert Band* under the direction of Maestro Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of *St Basil's Renovation Campaign*. Tickets will be on sale after each mass on *March 19th and March 26th* and will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund. Adults \$25, Family \$60. Come support the capital campaign and enjoy a concert event. The repertoire will include music to suit a variety of musical tastes including classical and symphonic works. This musical performance promises to shake us to our foundations with a wall of sound, as the band raises the roof with their bold brass, mellow woodwinds and driving percussion in equal measure.

CANDLE STAND FOR MARY

There is a group of Parishioners who would like to know if anyone would help with the purchase of a candle stand to be placed at our statue of Mary, Mother of Our Lord. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of a small candle stand please contact the Parish Office. You may also place your contribution in an envelope marked "Candle Stand" and put it in the collection. For a tax receipt please include your envelope number and name on the outside of the envelope. The estimate for the stand is approximately \$ 395.00.

DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION

As part of the Year of Mercy & Healing events, the Diocese has designated next **Friday March 4th** as a day of Confession. St Basil's will have confession on Friday March 4th **10 – 11 a.m. and 7 – 8 p.m.**

If you want Mercy you need to give Mercy.

A Thought

We must feed the hungry or be damned. Now you must be thinking: "Okay, Okay, I should start to do something." But thoughts and good intentions are not enough—you need to turn these thoughts into reality. So what are you going to do?

What will you do on Judgement Day when you stand before God and he asks you: "Why in your lifetime did an average of twenty thousand children in the world die every day because of hunger-related causes?" Will you say, "I am not sure, God, but they were not my kids," to which he will respond, "No, they were mine?" The point is that we need to make sure we live what we believe and that we prepare ourselves for the final judgement. We shouldn't do any of this out of fear or guilt, but out of mercy and love!

Fr. Larry Richards www.yearofmercy.org 10 February 2016

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 28TH ~ *That like Moses, our young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ.*

From the Community

A CONTEMPLATIVE EXPERIENCE

After 4 sessions in Le Puy, France, 'Little Design Communities Rebirthing' is being presented at Galilee Retreat Centre in Arnprior from **June 27-July 6, 2016**. Cost \$980.00 Cdn. Presenters: Sisters Monica Hartnett, (Annecy) and Rosemary O'Toole (Canada). A program brochure with full details and registration form can be found on The Upper Room website. *Mail your pre-registration fee of \$200.00 by March 19, 2016.* For more info, please contact Sr. Rosemary at upperroom@sympatico.ca or visit the website at www.theupperroomhomeofprayer.org

'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS'

Presented by the Diocesan Family & Youth Office St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The first of three sessions in this Jubilee Year of Mercy; sponsored by the Diocesan Family & Youth Ministry Office. Prayer, speakers, discussion, lunch. Live your faith & show God's mercy. All ages welcome. Free child care and children's programming available. RSVP: (skorban@archottawa.ca).