

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

EASTER SUNDAY**First Reading: Acts 10.34, 37 – 43***God raised Him on the third day...***Second Reading: Colossians 3.1 – 4***Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.***Gospel: John 20.1 – 18***According to the scripture Jesus must rise from the dead.***This Week****Saturday, March 19****Palm Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass for Jackie Bonderski req. by her Family

Sunday, March 20**Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep

11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Imagine St Basil's

2:00 p.m. Imagine St Basil's

Monday, March 21

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday March 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:00 p.m. Imagine St Basil's

Wednesday March 23 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 24

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday

Friday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Passion of Christ

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, March 26 Easter Vigil

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

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

11:00 a.m. Mass

PRAYERS

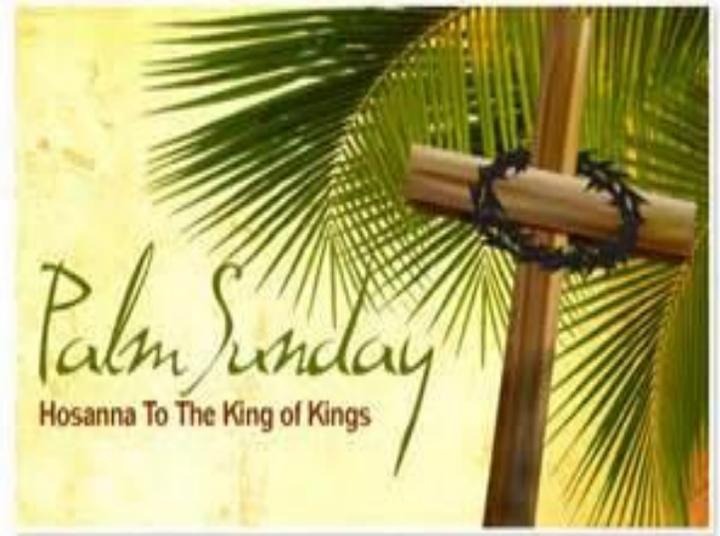
Fr. Dan will be having knee surgery and will be out of commission for quite a while, he asks that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a good recovery.

DIVINE MERCY PICTURE

The picture representing the Divine Mercy will be on display during the Year of Divine Mercy.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday March 28.

**Parish News****LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Chrim Mass	March 22 @ Notre Dame Cathedral
Morning Prayer	March 24 @ 9 a.m.
Holy Thursday	March 24 @ 7:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer	March 25 @ 9 a.m.
Family Gathering	March 25 @ 10:00 a.m.
Passion of Christ	March 25 @ 3 p.m.
Morning Prayer	March 26 @ 9 a.m.
Easter Vigil	March 26 @ 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday	March 27 @ 9 & 11 a.m.

SPECIAL NEEDS

During the entire Triduum, due to the high volume of parishioners attending, distribution of the Eucharist and Precious Blood will be completed with the main congregation first, those requiring Holy Eucharist at their pews will then be served. Please speak to the Ushers before Mass to let them know you request this assistance and where you will be sitting.

TRIDUUM REMINDERS

Everyone is reminded: the Triduum services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday and 8:00 p.m. for the Easter Vigil. Please bring food donations for the food bank on Holy Thursday. There will be baskets in the narthex for these donations. All are invited to participate in the foot washing ritual on Holy Thursday evening. Please bring a bell to ring during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. Please join our community as we pray the Church's Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Following the Easter Vigil all are invited to join the celebration at the end of the vigil in the parish hall.

EASTER VIGIL

There will be a wine & cheese reception in the church hall following the Easter Vigil. If you plan to attend, please sign the notice in the narthex to facilitate the planning.

For further information, contact Lorraine Shields 613-728-8504.

FOOD CUPBOARD

St Basil's food cupboard provides assistance to people in need that have trouble making ends meet. We provide assistance to about 12-14 households on a monthly basis. Groceries are delivered directly to the clients thanks to the kindness of parish volunteer drivers. The food cupboard is in need of peanut butter, jam, cheese whiz, canned ham, tuna and salmon. Food donations in this regard would be very much appreciated.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Once again, we encourage all families to join us at the 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass for a special Blessing of all Easter baskets.

The blessing is borrowed from Polish tradition, in preparation for Easter Sunday breakfast celebrated by Polish members of our community.

Simply cook some hard-boiled eggs and encourage your children/grandchildren to colour and decorate them. Bring only the amount of eggs your family will eat. Once the eggs are blessed, all shells/scraps will need to be buried in the ground.

If you wish, you can also include other items in your basket which are part of the Polish tradition, such as: A small portion of Kielbasa and Black Forest ham (meats which are rich and are typically not consumed during Lent), a small portion of horseradish (bitter herb and symbol of suffering), a small amount of salt (reminder of Baptism and the salt of the earth), or a stuffed or chocolate lamb (Lamb of God). We hope many families will bring their colourful baskets and join us for this special way to celebrate Easter!

MINISTRIES OF ST. BASIL'S

St Basil's Parish is blessed to have a large number of parishioners who are active in several different ministries. This year we will be describing the various pastoral ministries in periodic bulletin inserts. Please take time to learn about the varied and valuable contributions made by parishioners in these ministries. If you would like to join one of the ministries, contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The federal government is developing legislation to implement the Supreme Court's decision to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Mission and Social Justice Committee has prepared a sample letter to the Ministers of Justice and Health calling for reasonable safeguards for vulnerable individuals and health care providers and institutions. You are invited to view the letter on the parish website (www.stbasilparish.ca) and send your own copy to the Ministers (cc. your Member of Parliament).

LENTEN PROGRAM ON LAUDATO SI

Our Lenten program of three sessions reflecting on Laudato Si was a success with 25-30 parishioners attending each Sunday afternoon. The discussions were animated and participants felt we could have spent even more time on the passages selected. Many people participated more than once. In addition, the M & SJ committee joined with the Children's Liturgy group on the family Sunday to bring Pope Francis's message on climate change to our younger members. Children planted bean seeds and made heart shaped promises to do their bit in making the world a better place. Together these events have made us more committed to walk in the footsteps of Pope Francis and to "care for our common home".

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY GATHERING

Come and join us at 10 a.m. on Good Friday for prayers, song and a child-friendly walk around the Stations of the Cross. The service will be followed by an Easter activity downstairs. All are welcome.

START OF IMAGINE ST. BASIL'S**DISCOVERING THE POSITIVE CORE OF OUR PARISH**

The Discovery Phase has started. Plan to attend. Pick a session from the 8 choices listed below. The future of St. Basil's depends on your participation.

Please select from among these options:

Saturday afternoon, March 19th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Sunday afternoon, March 20th from 12:15 to 2:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Sunday afternoon, March 20th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Specially trained members of the Imagine St Basil's Design Team will explain the process.

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.

LAUDATO SI

Laudato si', this is the last message about On Care For Our Common Home, the Pope's environmental (natural and social) encyclical of Pope Francis.

- **Pray.** The environmental crisis is unintentional. The human portion is not due to war and terrorism. It happened while we were doing our best, with constantly advancing science and technology and amazing feats of industry and commerce. So we need profound interior conversion in order to begin thinking and acting in different, even better ways. Let us pray – and join our non-praying friends in reflection and dialogue: for the humility and courage to transform and transcend ourselves, and to care – all of us – for our common home.

From the Diocese**CHRISM MASS**

All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will preside. Kevin and Mary Smith will represent St Basil's bringing the Holy Oils back to our Parish.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

A reminder to pray the Novena to Saint Joseph to aid our politicians to protect life and respect the right of medical professionals to refuse to take part in assisted – dying.



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