

## SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2017

(Liturgical Year A)

**3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Isaiah 9.1 – 4***In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10 – 13, 17 – 18***I appeal to you that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you.***Gospel: Matthew 4.12 – 23***Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.*

# This Week

**Saturday, January 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**11:00 a.m. CWL Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Mass**Sunday, January 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Youth Group/Confirmation  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. First Communion – Prep Session 1**Monday, January 16**9:00 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir  
8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step**Tuesday January 17**10:30 a.m. **Mass at Medex**  
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices**Wednesday January 18 Mass at St Basil's**9:00 a.m. Mass  
7:15 p.m. Choir**Thursday, January 19**9:00 a.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting**Friday, January 20**9:00 a.m. Mass  
8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book**Saturday, January 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish**Sunday, January 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**9:00 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. Mass

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

## Parish News

"THANK YOU"

Once again, St Basils enjoyed the planning and execution of not one but two sittings of the Knights of Columbus annual welcome to the New Year. This year they were able to combine the celebration of 2017 with our welcome to our new administrator, Father Ross. Again we are a lucky community to have such willing and capable men to provide an excellent brunch to start our new year on such a happy positive note.

**MASS AT MEDEX**

The next Mass at Medex Extencicare will be this **Tuesday 17 January** at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Mass at St Basil's that morning, parishioners are invited to worship with the residents at Medex.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE-**

This **Sunday, January 15th at the 9:00 a.m.** Mass Tyler Aboualy, Lyla Aboualy and Ada Defreitas will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechuminate.

This journey in faith is in preparation to celebrate the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please journey with them with your prayers, support and well wishes.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Just a quick reminder that the first parent/child preparation session for First Communion/Reconciliation is this Sunday, January 15th at 6 p.m. Snacks (but not supper) will be served. A supervised play area is available for siblings if required. Please contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com with the name and age of the sibling attending.

Dates to remember:

Sunday, January 15 6:00 p.m. Child/Parent Prep Session 1  
 Sunday, January 29 9 a.m. Welcome Mass  
 Sunday, February 12 6:00 p.m. Child/Parent Prep Session 2  
 Thursday, March 2 6:30 p.m. Family Reconciliation Service  
 Sunday, March 19 6:00 p.m. Child/Parent Prep Session 3  
 Sunday, March 26 9 a.m. Listen Mass  
 Sunday, April 9 6:00 p.m. Child/Parent Prep Session 4

Looking forward to seeing you there! Email Sarah (as above) if you have any questions.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*"... the opening of the heavens when John the Baptist baptized Jesus "ended the time of the 'closed heavens' which indicate the separation between God and man, the consequence of sin."*

*Pope Francis – Catholic News Agency 11 Jan 2015*

## *A Note from Fr Ross*

Last Monday we ended the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and entered Ordinary Time on Tuesday. Ordinary Time will take us to Ash Wednesday, 01 March this year, and the seasons of Lent and Easter. The Great Fifty Days of Easter concludes with the Feast of Pentecost on 04 June and we will re-enter Ordinary Time on the following Monday and continue until a new year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. When most use the word 'ordinary' we tend to think of mundane or ho-hum as compared to something that is superlative. But that is not how we understand Ordinary Time in the Church year. Long before we celebrated Christmas, Christians celebrated Sunday as the Day of the Lord. Each Sunday is a mini Easter and recalls and renews for us the death and rising of Jesus. The Sundays of the year are designated Ordinary because they follow in sequence or numerical order. The ordinals, first, second, third, etc., allow us to count the Lord's Day celebrations during this period outside of our festive seasons. In Ordinary Time you will note that we follow a semi-continuous reading of Matthew's gospel in this Year A. The second reading is also a semi-continuous reading from the letters of St. Paul, not chosen to relate to the gospel reading but the first reading from the Old Testament is chosen to support the gospel message. There is never anything ordinary about the marvellous workings of God! Have a wonderful week.

*J. Ross*

### RETIREES

All retirees are welcome to join us to play Bridge, Euchre, or other games. We resumed our fun last **Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Join every Wednesday for more fun and laughs! For more information call Joan Lesaux 613-596-8106 or Pat Mulvihill 613-224-0413.

### UPDATE ON THE IRON CROSS

The iron cross is now in the baptistry. The electrical contractor has to erect temporary scaffolding between the altar and the back wall. He has requested that we not install the cross until he is finished in that area. Once he is finished the contractor doing the repairs to the ceiling and walls has to repair both sides of the wall including the bottom 3 feet of the wall facing the altar. The plans for the installation of the cross will be sent to the insurance company for approval and once this is completed the iron cross will be installed.

*"Whatsoever you do..."*

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In his message, Pope Francis draws our attention to the child migrants, the vulnerable and the voiceless..."Whoever receives one such child in my name, receives Me....." Full message on Internet.

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### LEADER'S SUMMIT

Are you a parishioner who participated in one or more of the Imagine St. Basil's sessions in 2016? Are you a ministry leader or active in any ministries at St. Basil's? Are you a member of Pastoral Council or Finance Council? Do plans for your future include St. Basil's Parish? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then plan to attend the Leaders' Summit on **January 28** in the Church Hall. We will present the outcomes of the 3 phases of Imagine St. Basil's. The Summit will mainly focus on how to create the underlying conditions for all leaders in the parish to work collectively in creating a vibrant and life-giving future for St. Basil's. In particular, attention will be given to collaboration and intentional communication, decision-making processes, how ministries and the councils are clustered, how they interact with one another, what needs to be revised and what new ministries need to be developed. This will be an action packed meeting. We will begin at 10 a.m. sharp (coffee at 9:30), there will be a short break for lunch (provided). Please sign up in the Narthex so that we know how many to expect.

## *From the Diocese*

### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> ~** *For an Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully*

### HOMELANDS MASS

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, will be on **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for this multicultural event!

## *From the Community*

### FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" **Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6.** Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at St. Daniel School. The 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is Jan. 16-20. Please call the school at 225-4603 for more information and/or to book a tour. All students are most welcome to join our community. French Immersion is available. [sda.ocsb.ca](http://sda.ocsb.ca) [ocsb.ca/registrations](http://ocsb.ca/registrations).

### MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE

**MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE** (supported by St. Basil's) will soon be opening "The Haven", a new housing facility in Barrhaven for 98 families on low-income. Volunteers are needed to connect with residents, painting, carpentry, general maintenance. Please contact Sahada Alolo (613 686 1825) [mhi.sahada.alolo@gmail.com](mailto:mhi.sahada.alolo@gmail.com)