

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4 – 10***This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith.***Second Reading: Romans 10.8 - 13***This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.***Gospel: Luke 4.1 – 13***Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness; there he was tempted.***This Week****Saturday, February 13 Ken Yasinski**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 14 Ken Yasinski

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

10:00 a.m. Valentines for Medex

11:00 a.m. Mass for Gerard Pitcher req. by his Family

7:00 p.m. Ken Yasinski**Monday, February 15 Family Day**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Bernard Simmons req. by his Family

7:00 p.m. Ken Yasinski**Tuesday February 16**

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday February 17 Mass at Notre Dame High School

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Social

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Mass for Ruth Sasaki req. by Frank & Muriel Cardo

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, February 20 Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, February 21 Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep

11:00 a.m. Mass Clayton Gates req. by Nancy Gates

2:30 p.m. Create a Climate of Change**TODAY'S QUOTE***"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the stock market loses two points?"**Pope Francis***OFFICE CLOSED***The office will be closed on Monday February 15 for Family Day. We will reopen on Tuesday February 16th at 9 a.m.***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: **Feb. 21st, 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.

PARISH MISSION – THE FULLNES OF PURPOSE

Could there be more to your faith experience, than what you have experienced? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a 3 day parish mission, designed to help answer life's most meaningful questions. This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Ken will speak at all Masses this weekend February 13 & 14 and on February 14th & 15th at 7 p.m. Come and be inspired to live your full potential in life!

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

3 Sunday afternoons in Lent

February 21, 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.
Day of Reconciliation	March 4 @ 10 – 11 a.m. & 7 – 8 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.



DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION

As part of the Year of Mercy & Healing events, the Diocese has designated **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.**

LAUDATO SI

Laudato si', On Care For Our Common Home is the encyclical of Pope Francis about crisis in the natural and social worlds. During Lent St. Basil's will hold three discussions on Sunday afternoons about the encyclical. Each weekend, the Bulletin will carry one message about it. Here is the first one.

- The crisis affects everyone and everything. Pollution and degradation of the natural environment affect everyone. No one, no matter how wealthy and prepared, escapes their effects. Species of animals or plants are dying out. But the human impact is uneven. The wealthy parts of the world cause most of the damage, the poor suffer the consequences disproportionately – because of where they live and because they lack the means to escape or protect themselves. Pope Francis calls on the wealthy nations, which have reaped most of the rewards, to contribute most to solving the problems.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Come Sing with Us – all children are invited to sing the recessional song on **Sunday February 21** at the 9 a.m. Mass

Giving Heart to the Sick – **February 14th**, join us in marking the first Sunday in Lent in the Year of Mercy. Between the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, we will make Valentine's for residents at Medex.

Halfway there! Lenten Family Brunch – **February 28th**, between the 9 a.m. Family Mass and the 11 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited for a Lenten Family brunch featuring child-friendly activities to deepen our understanding of this season. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about Laudato Si', Pope Francis's letter on the environment with related activities. Homemade pretzels and drinks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring fruit to share.

UPDATE IMAGINE ST. BASIL'S... DESIGN TEAM**EVANGELIZE: SHARE OUR ST. BASIL'S NEW WEBSITE**

An easy way to think about the new evangelization is to break it down into three parts: know the Faith, live the Faith, and share the Faith. This week our new St. Basil's Website was uploaded for all to see. It's colourful, easy to navigate, attractive, full of life, full of examples of how our parish lives the faith, and information about the faith. Go to www.stbasilparish.ca and see for yourself. Share our website with your family members and friends. Even if they live way beyond Rex Avenue. How? Facebook! Twitter! and a host of other social media apps. If you're above a certain age it may seem funny to ask you to "post" a link on your Facebook page telling people on your network to check out the new St. Basil's website. However, that's exactly what we are asking you to do! We are approximately 500 families. Research shows that 39% of adult Facebook users have between 1 and 100 Facebook friends. Do the math, and the reach of your networks is significant. For the new evangelization to work, it is necessary for each of us as Catholics to engage in all three areas, and to do so on a constant, unending basis. This week, we ask you to share the faith. Please post our website with your social media friends and family and let them find us. Easy.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 14TH ~ For all men and women being chosen by Christ to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call.

'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS'

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).

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2016

On **April 15th & 16th** join over 5,000 Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Westin hotel in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada and the US. This year's Summit is featuring 7 world-class Catholic speakers: Dr. Peter Kreeft, Christopher West, Sherry Weddell, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Michael Dopp, Bishop Riesbeck and Angèle Regnier. Register online today <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Tickets sold out last year.

The Holy Year of Mercy,

A Thought

Symbolically calling on the entire global Roman Catholic Church to take up his papacy's central message of compassion and pardon, Pope Francis ... announced that he is convoking a jubilee year to be called the Holy Year of Mercy.

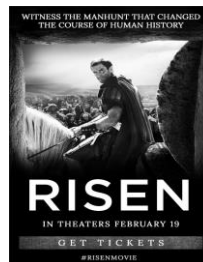
Saying he has "thought often about how the church can make more evident its mission of being a witness of mercy," the pope announced the new jubilee year during a Lenten penitential service in St. Peter's Basilica.

"I am convinced that the whole church -- that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners -- will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," Francis said in announcing the year.

"Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always," the pope continued. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

"We entrust it as of now to the Mother of Mercy, because she looks to us with her gaze and watches over our way," Francis said. "Our penitential way, our way of open hearts, during a year to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

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**RISEN – THE MOVIE**

Beginning **Friday February 19th** at Cineplex Theaters. See this amazing movie about the search for the Body of Christ after His resurrection. Starring Tom Felton and Joseph Fiennes