

## SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY 01 JANUARY 2017

(Liturgical Year A)

**MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD****First Reading: Numbers 6.22 – 27**

*They shall put my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*

**Second Reading: Galatians 4.4 – 7**

*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

**Gospel: Luke 2.16 – 21**

*They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.*



# This Week

**Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

- 4:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
 7:30 p.m. Mass for the Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families req. by Ken & Janet Des Roches  
 10:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day**

- 11:00 a.m. Mass Gerard Pitcher req. by Derval & Family

**Monday, December 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

**Tuesday December 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday December 28 Mass at St Basil's**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, December 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, December 30**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

**Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve**

- 5:00 p.m. Mass for the Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families req. by Ken & Janet Des Roches  
 5:00 p.m. Ron Halstead on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death req. by Vi & Family

**Sunday, January 01 New Year's Day**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Poon Ko Wai Hong, mother of Catherine Cheung

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Please note Contributions for the 2016 Tax Receipts must be in the collection by **Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>**. All contributions received after December 25<sup>th</sup> will be included in your 2017 Tax Receipt.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note the Parish Office will close at noon on **Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** and will reopen on **Tuesday 3 January 2017**. We pray you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with many glorious memories!

# Parish News

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Bulletin Deadlines have returned to normal. The next deadline will be on **Monday 2 January 2017** at noon for the bulletin of January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EUCCHARIST AT YOUR PEW**

At St. Basil's, we take great pride in the fact that Holy Communion is given to our "special care" parishioners at their pews. Just a reminder that during the Christmas/New Year's season **only**, with the large increase in our congregation, we will serve Holy Communion to our "special care" parishioners **after** the main congregation. Please identify yourself or your loved one to the Ushers **before** Mass.

**ADORATION**

We resumed our First Friday Devotions under a new format. We begin with Mass at 9 a.m. Immediately following Mass we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to join us next **Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>** for this very important part of our Catholic Spirituality.

**MASS AT MEDEX**

The next Mass at Medex Extencicare will be next **Tuesday 03 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.

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

The Mass Schedule for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is as follows:

- New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.  
 New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*"The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, true man and true God. He has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate."*

*Pope Francis – Catholic Herald 24 December 2013*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### 'WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR' SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Knights of Columbus, St. Basil's Round Table, will be hosting their annual 'Welcome in the New Year' Sunday Brunch after both Masses on **Sunday, January 08th** in our Parish Hall. As well, we will welcome Father Ross Finlan our interim Administrator. What better way to celebrate the New Year as a community!

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

A volunteer is needed on Friday mornings to set up the Altar and be the Lector at the 9 a.m. Mass. Are you able to assist with these Ministries beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>? Please contact the Parish Office.

### THANK YOU!

The CWL would like to thank all of those who supported our successful Christmas Bake Sale on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to all of those who contributed and who purchased the baking. Merry Christmas to all!

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank You for Your Generosity!!

The children's presents have been wrapped, the Christmas food hampers have been prepared and delivered to the various households.

Thanks to our parishioners generosity, St Basil's parish is once again spreading Christmas cheer and hope to approximately 125 people of which 48 are children. Each household has received a bag of groceries from the parish food cupboard along with gift cards from Metro/Food Basic. Families with children have also received Christmas gifts purchased by parishioners. Thanks to the group of Santa's helpers that put together the packages, as well as the drivers that delivered the parcels.

### ENVELOPES

Contribution Envelopes for 2017 are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. If you do not have and would like Contribution Envelopes for 2017 (tax receipts are issued for contributions made using envelopes) please contact the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200.

### SAVE THE DATE..... JANUARY 28, 2017

If plans for your future include St. Basil's Parish, join the discussions on **January 28 from 10 am to 3 pm** at St. Basil's. The Imagine St. Basil's Team will present its report. All leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend to discuss how we will move forward. Stay tuned for more details.

## From the Diocese

### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

**CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 25TH ~** *That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters.*

*"Whatsoever you do..."*

*Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and reaching out to others. We thank all the parishioners of St. Basil's who have contributed to the Christmas Hamper/gift Program.....your generosity is an expression of your love.*

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## 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

Too early to register your little one for kindergarten? Absolutely not! If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the high-quality kindergarten program at all Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Our 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **January 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. We welcome all! **All schools offer rich French programming** within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment, representing an excellent choice for your child as they begin their school years. "Kindergarten – where dreams take off." For more information, visit [ocsb.ca/kindergarten](http://ocsb.ca/kindergarten).

### STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING

Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); ([kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca)).

## Food for Thought

*"And the Word*

*became flesh and made his dwelling among us"*

God took on human form. God took on human Form! Being human is certainly not very easy and sometimes not even much fun; why would God want to become human? God's coming to us in the human form of Jesus affirms *our* humanity as well – all the pain, struggles, doubts, joys and sorrows that we experience. On this Christmas Day, we remember that Jesus has come as one of us and we are not alone in our search for what it means to be human or what it means to be created in God's image. *God is with us Emmanuel!*



JL – Celebration December 2013