

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A**First Reading: Isaiah 49.14 – 15***The Lord says: I will not forget you.***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4.1 – 5***The Lord will disclose the purposes of the heart.***Gospel: Matthew 6.24 – 34***Do not worry about your life or tomorrow.***This Week****Saturday, February 18 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

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

Sunday, February 19 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

10:00 a.m. Social Action Meeting

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

Monday, February 20 Family Day

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday February 21 St Peter Damian

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

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

7:00 p.m. RCIC

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday February 22 Chair of St Peter

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Round Table Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 23 St Polycarp

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

Friday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, February 25 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

Sunday, February 26 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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

10:00 a.m. Family Brunch

11:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

FIRST COMMUNION

We would like to invite all of you to show your support for the children preparing for their First Communion by choosing a child to pray for. There is a basket at the back of the church containing cards with a child's name on it. Please choose a card to take home with you. Try and find the cross attached to the banner with the matching name so that you will recognize who you are praying for. Thank you for your loving support of the children of our parish.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday February 20th** for the Family Day Holiday.

**LOVE LOVE YOUR ENEMIES****Parish News****CAN YOU HELP?**

We are currently searching for a new Trustee Coordinator. Trustees play the very important role of setting up for our weekend liturgies. Please consider helping out; mentoring will be provided. Contact Karen Zappia at 613-727-5251 if interested.

FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, February 26** All parishioners are welcome for pancakes and fun, family-friendly activities between the 9 am and 11 am masses to mark the end of ordinary time and the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday is March 1st). Fresh pancakes provided but please bring your favorite toppings to share. We look forward to seeing you there! The Children's Liturgy Team with the help of the Knights of Columbus.

YOUTH GROUP

All youth are welcome from grades 6 to 10. *Every first Thursday of the month at 7 pm to 8:30 pm in church hall.* Fun, laughter, treats and friendship!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Confirmation Group would like to thank a generous parishioner for their donation of Bibles to the Confirmation Group. We appreciate your generosity!

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2017

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by D.J. 'Peter the Music Man' on **Friday, March 17** 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 25, 2017.* Come and celebrate the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day!!

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our Music Director, Heather Reid, has submitted her resignation, effective the end of June, after twenty-four years of service to our parish. She observed that it seemed to be an opportune time to retire when we are between pastoral appointments. We will plan a reception closer to her retirement to honour Heather's contribution to our parish and thank her for her dedication.

A Note from Fr. Ross

Three weeks ago we heard the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. A couple of parishioners questioned me about the difference between "blessed are the poor" and "blessed are the poor in spirit". I answered as best I could but went to our resident Scripture expert, Fr. Normand Bonneau. Here is his reply to the query:

The First Beatitude

Luke's version, "Blessed you who are poor" (Luke 6:20), is the more original version. It is primarily theological-eschatological, that is, it refers to God's end-time reversal and vindication of the human situation of the materially and socially poor. This same sense of ultimate reversal and vindication is expressed more elaborately and poetically in the Magnificat.

The Matthean version, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3), is a later articulation and is more anthropological-moral oriented. It refers to being poor in matters or concerns of the spirit that is, in a metaphorical sense and not necessarily in being materially or socially poor. It expresses the fundamental attitude that one must have before God and others, of the humility that arises from recognizing that all comes from him, that one is not self-sufficient, that one needs God and others, that one is to be open and receptive to God and others. This formulation is consistent with Matthew's gospel overall, for he uses similar phrases elsewhere.

If Luke's version evokes God's end-time will, the fullness of the Kingdom of God—the vindication and rectification of all that calls for such, the confirming of all that is good and just—Matthew's version evokes the attitude and behavior regarding how we are to journey toward that end-time fullness, that is, how to enter and begin living the Kingdom of God which is already erupting now in our midst before the end of time.

Fr. Ross

RESERVE THE DATE

Sun., 26 Feb, 10:00 – 11:00 am Pancake brunch between masses

Wed., 01 Mar. Ash Wednesday, masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm

Thur., 02 Mar., 6:30 pm 1st reconciliation service, 2 priests available

Thur., 16 Mar., 7:00 – 9:00 pm Lenten presentation with Fr. Corbin Eddy and Kevin Burns

Fri., 17 Mar., 7:00 pm St. Patrick's Dinner/dance, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus

Sun., 02 Apr., 1:30 pm Renovation Campaign Benefit Concert with the National Capital Concert Band and Tzietel Abrego

Wed., 05 Apr., 7:00 pm Parish Lenten reconciliation service; 6 priests available

From the Diocese

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO

Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Discover what the diaconate is about. Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. Next session at St George Parish **Thursday Mar. 2, 7 – 9 pm**. To attend, contact Deacon Michael Seath; 613-324-0007, mseath@archottawa.ca.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 26TH ~ *That by their example of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will win many souls to Christ.*

Liturgy Corner

To provide some ongoing formation there will be a brief bulletin entry each Sunday about various topics pertaining to liturgy. If there is a particular topic which you would like to read about, please contact Heather Reid at the 11:00 am Mass.

ROLE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Did you know that Mass is not the exclusive domain of the ordained priest? In fact, while we definitely do need a presider, the gathered assembly has a very important role to play when the Eucharist is celebrated. Unlike pre-Vatican Two times, when priests often 'said' Mass with only a server, who represented the people, now the church discourages this practice because the assembly is so important. Liturgy comes from a Greek word which means the work of the people. And our work is to praise God and intercede for the life of the world. Vatican Two called for the 'full, conscious and active' participation of the people (SC # 14). Through acclamations, responses, psalmody, song, gesture, dialogue, prayer we respond to God, praise God and express the faith within us. We do this communally in the liturgy and then go forth to bring the presence of Christ and the message of the reign of God to the world. So, how we celebrate is very important!

From the Community

CANADIAN AMATEUR MUSICIANS, MUSICIENS AMATEURS DU CANADA

"*Stabat Mater*" by Antonin Dvorak, performed by the choir and orchestra of CAMMAC, **Sunday, Feb. 26, 3:00 pm**, All Saints' Westboro Church, 347 Richmond Rd., Ottawa, \$20 (\$10 students).

ADORATION EVENING AT HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Guest: Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. **Tues., Feb. 21, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**, & third Tuesday of every month. Info: (613-836-1764); (<https://www.facebook.com/events/270179030069042/>).

TOUR TO CHINA & HONG KONG

A 19-day Winter Get-away to China with Fr. Bosco Wong. The journey covers the Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, Yangtze River Cruise, Panda Zoo, Guilin, Hong Kong...Tour price: \$3,875 including airfare & tax. A full itinerary is available at Our Lady of Fatima parish office or online at: <http://jbctravel.ca/upcoming-tours>.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Development and Peace - Caritas Canada - 50th Share Lent Campaign will be highlighting how women across the world are at the heart of action for development, reconstruction and peace-building."

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE