

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

First Reading: Acts 2.42 – 47

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3 – 9

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel: John 20.19 – 31

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

This Week

Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mass for Raja Al Dabei req. by her Family

11:00 a.m. Mass for Geoff Murphy req. by Henry & Margaret Imbleau

Monday, April 17

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

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday April 18

9:00 a.m. Mass for Ed Tymko req. by Julie Auger

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

Wednesday April 19

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

Thursday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Mass for Gerard & Eileen Audcent req. by John & Mary Audcent

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, April 22 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. K of C Bottle Drive for Special Olympics

10:00 a.m. Ministry Meeting

5:00 p.m. Mary Kelly req. by Anna & Patricia

Sunday, April 23 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. Mass for John Newlands

RESERVE THE DATE

Sat. 22 April, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bottle Drive (Special Olympics)

Sat. 29 April & Sun. 30 April, Book Clearance Sale

Sun. 23 April 9 a.m. First Communion

Fri. 28 April Confirmation Retreat

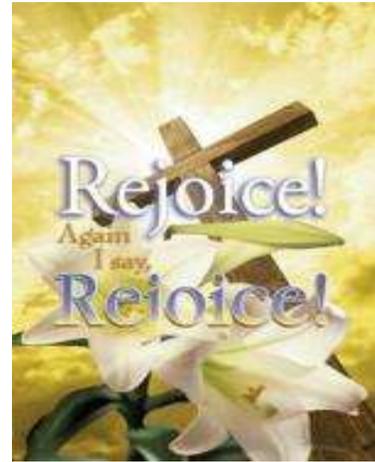
Sat. 29 April Confirmation Retreat

Sun. 30 April 9 a.m. First Communion

Sun. 14 May 9 a.m. First Communion

Sun., 21 May, 9:00 am Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop C. Reisbeck

Sun. 28 May, 9 a.m. First Communion



Parish News

IMAGINE ST BASIL'S GRADUATION

The final report and its recommendations were presented to Pastoral Council and Finance Council on April 6 scoring a huge success. Thanks to the vision of Gerard Lewis to start us down the path, to the perseverance and tenacity of Elizabeth Larmond Elliot who advanced it through Pastoral Council and Finance Council and compiled the final report with Gerard acknowledging and reinforcing St. Basil's strengths and assets. The Design Team who gave countless hours discerning the dreams, the discussions and the reality of creating the path. The recommendations are clearly stated as stepping stones on a path to a stronger more cooperative and collaborative way into the future as a strong vibrant community. On **Easter Monday, April 17** the report will be on our website www.stbasilparish.ca and copies will be available in the Narthex on **April 22, 23rd**.

EASTER SEASON FAMILY GATHERING

Let's keep celebrating the 50 days of Easter as a parish community with Easter-focused, child-friendly activities and a pot-luck brunch. If you are able, please bring some fruit or your favorite hot cross buns or other Easter foods to share. All are welcome on **April 30** at 10 am in the parish hall (between the 9 am Family Mass and the 11 o'clock Mass).

SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

Next **Saturday April 22nd 2017** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Narthex, the Knights of Columbus is holding a bottle drive for the Special Olympics. Kindly donate your beer, wine and liquor bottles to support a great bunch of young men and women. This is an opportunity for students to complete their volunteer school hours by starting their own drives to support us, or stopping by to help us out. All members of the parish are invited to participate. If you need someone to pick up your bottles, please speak to any Knight from Council 485, leave a message in our mail slot or contact John Watters at wattersj@magma.ca for assistance. Thank you for your support.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"The best proof that Christ has risen is that he is still alive. And for the immense majority of our contemporaries, the only way of seeing him alive is for us to love one another." (Louis Evely)

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Archbishop's Easter Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese recently hosted the exhibit, "The Man of the Shroud," a reproduction of the Shroud of Turin with explanatory panels. Many were moved by what they saw as an icon of the wounds of Christ who died out of love for each person in human history—who died for me.

What is more marvellous is that Christ is now risen! In the gospel message of Easter we see the Lord's body still bearing the wounds made in His hands and side by the nails and the spear. But now they are glorified as proof of God's victory over death and sin. Jesus goes forth to meet His disciples and every man, woman and child throughout the ages, including our own. He comes and shares with us His joy, His peace, the Holy Spirit and the special gift of Himself "in the breaking of the bread"—in Holy Communion. With this in mind, we will hear during this Easter season how Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples in so many touching ways. At the Easter Vigil we hear Matthew's account of the discovery of the empty tomb and on Easter morning of the meeting with Mary Magdalene.

All the resurrection accounts hint at the reversal of the tragedy of Jesus' death. The ritual of mourning and acts of respect toward the body of Jesus by the faithful women turn to perplexity when they discover the empty tomb, then amazement at the angelic message and, finally, overwhelming joy when at last Jesus comes to meet them.

The promise of God's power has been realized, but the story appears unbelievable to the disciples who thought the resurrection would happen only at the end of time. Peter had learned that Jesus' surprising sayings regularly came true. So on the first Easter, he marvelled at the linen grave cloths but did not at first come to faith. That had to await his personal encounter with the Risen One, as it must for each one of us.

John the Evangelist suggests what this encounter means for us as he tells of Mary Magdalene's meeting with Jesus. The risen Lord appears both *different* from the one Mary knew (she thought He was the gardener), yet *the same* person who knows her by name ("Mary!"). Jesus told Mary that henceforth she and others share a new relationship with God, who has become "your Father and your God". Jesus commissioned Mary to bring the good news of the resurrection to the Apostles who would bring it to the world. Jesus asks us to do the same today.

My Easter wish for all in the Archdiocese is that we experience anew, and discover fresh ways to share, the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. May we all become what Pope Francis urges us to be "missionary disciples" who have encountered the Risen Lord and are eager to share our experience with those around us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

From the Diocese

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m. For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes or on our website <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-services-forms>. Deadline to register: **Wed., May 3.**

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 16TH ~ *that more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.*

Liturgy Corner

Our longest liturgical season is not Lent but Easter! For fifty days we celebrate the Resurrection- the victory of Christ over death and sinfulness. Both the Gloria and the Alleluia return in full force. St. Augustine said: **We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!** In the early church kneeling was forbidden during this season of great joy. This is the season of initiation: First Communion and Confirmation. Those who join the church this week-end now enter the period of Mystagogia when they reflect upon their conversion experience and begin to enter into the Christian mission. We adorn our sanctuary with flowers, and the altar in white. At St. Basil's we also change the setting of the Mass we sing to signal the change in seasons. **Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen!**

From the Community

OK CLEAN WATER FUN RAISER!

The OK Clean Water Project will host their annual spring fundraiser at Shepherd's, Train Yards location on **Monday, April 24th** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This fundraiser is to support a water project in Kumbo, Cameroon. Full details on the east side bulletin board. Tickets @\$45 are available from horanc@sympatico.ca or 613-737-3681. Give Water, Give Life!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

Sr. Sheila Finnerty, GSIC, Fr. Bosco Wong and Fr. C. Ross Finlan will lead reflections on RCIA and RCIC with a practical focus on the role of the Christian community, sponsors and catechists. On **Sat., May 27, 9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, Our Lady of Fatima. Pre-register: info@fatimaparish.ca; 613-722-7661.

KATERI FUND RAISER

The Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa will be hosting its annual fundraising event at St Elizabeth's Parish at 1303 Leaside Avenue on **Friday April 21, 2017** at 6 p.m. Including; dinner, door prizes entertainment, and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Donna Naughton, or Gabrielle Fayant-Lewis at info@katerinativeministry.ca for more information.

