

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24 SEPTEMBER 2017  
LITURGICAL YEAR A

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9**

*The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27**

*To me, living is Christ.*

**Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16**

*Are you envious because I am generous?*



# This Week

**Saturday, September 16 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, September 17 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Ronald Jenkins requested by his wife Ruth

9:00 a.m. Installation Fr. James Raphael

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, September 18**

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children choir

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

**Tuesday, September 19**

10:30 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. ByTown Voices

**Wednesday, September 20**

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:15 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

**Thursday, September 21**

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

**Friday, September 22**

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

**Saturday, September 23 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Mass for Patrick Kelly on the 23rd Anniversary of his death requested by Anna & Patricia

**Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

## FROM FR. JAMES' DESK

### Today's Gospel

### *If you do not forgive...*

It is said that forgiveness is like chicken soup for the soul. But we know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. Today's Gospel takes up the theme of what to do with our anger and hurt. Of course forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices. Many are focused on revenge rather than forgiveness. But today through the parable of the wicked slave Jesus teaches us that, as Christians, we should be people known for mercy for forgiveness, for reconciliation, for peace.

Sirach is right when he writes (today's first reading). "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight".

Holding on to anger and refusing to forgive destroys the peace and joy of the one who does not forgive. Often it hurts that person even more than the person they need to forgive.

Remember, our Lord is RICH IN MERCY and one of the best means to reconcile with God's people is through the frequent reception of the Sacrament of Confession.

God Bless,  
Fr. James Raphael

*"Whatsoever you do..."*

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

Pope Francis/Laudato Si', 217

# Parish News

**Ministry Volunteer Fair -- October 14 & 15** (before and after Masses). Please volunteer for one of our important Ministries.

## MINISTRY OF CARE

The 4 Caring Ministry committees, Bereavement, Visiting, Medex and Prayer Shawl, are invited to a meeting on **Monday October 2, at 9.30** after mass, downstairs in the hall. This will be to follow-up on the desire that came out of our June Communion Breakfast, to share more fully the work that all of our members are doing. Hope to see you there.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is one way our parish has of bringing comfort and support to those who are going through a difficult time or embarking on a different beginning such as new parents. A handmade shawl is given as a symbol of God's all-embracing love surrounding the person as well as the caring and prayers of our St. Basils community. We invite you to join in our prayers for the people who have received a prayer shawl as well as letting us know if you or someone you know would appreciate receiving one. For information call: Maureen Ramsay 762-1767

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday September 18** at 9:30 am in the sacristy.

## BACKPACK BLESSING

To welcome the new school year, parishioners of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, canvas bags or briefcases to mass for a special blessing. Backpacks will be blessed at the **9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 24th.**

## ST BASIL GARAGE SALE – SEPT 30 – 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (RAIN DATE OCTOBER 1)

We need your help to make our garage sale a success! We need your advertorial help – let all your friends and family know! We need your unwanted goods, they could be someone else's treasure! On the day in question, we need your sales help, loading help, gofer help! If you wish to participate, you can set up your own table for a \$5.00 rental fee or sell out of the back of your car for free! On a clear out of the church basement, we have boxes of floor tiles, boxes of ceramic tiles, pots and pans, dishes, pictures (think of the frames too) etc. We also have a large donation from a closeout of a house, an array of religious items, linens, etc.

Hopefully we have nudged your creative side and you are thinking of what you can do to make this a big success. Proceeds will go to our restoration fund - Help us move towards a Green Church!

More information, contact Judy Young , 613-728-9026, [judyyoung@sympatico.ca](mailto:judyyoung@sympatico.ca)

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Tuesday **September 19 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

# From the Community

ANCOURA

## Connecting with those living with mental illness

Ancoura provides affordable housing and social supports to people living with a mental illness in Ottawa. We are opening a new home this fall and are looking for people to be: visiting volunteers who develop relationships with our residents by spending time with them at home or in the community; occasional volunteers who help from time to time with events, moving furniture, doing minor apartment repairs; and committee and board members. For more information, contact Liz Tyrwhitt at 613-233-8130 or [liz@ancoura.ca](mailto:liz@ancoura.ca)

## OK CLEAN WATER PROJECT BRUNCH OCT 22 AT 11:00 AM

Come on out and support The OK Clean Water Project's Annual Brunch at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre, 170 Colonnade Road. There will be a delicious brunch, an update on the project, a silent auction and a raffle. Advance tickets at \$45 for adults and \$20 for students are available at 613-737-3681 or [horanc@sympatico.ca](mailto:horanc@sympatico.ca). Come on out for a great fun event as you support the life-giving gift of clean water for more people in Kumbo, Cameroon! [www.okcleanwaterproject.org](http://www.okcleanwaterproject.org) Check the poster on the east side bulletin board for full details.

# From the Diocese

## SOLEMN MASS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANADIAN CONFEDERATION WITH CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

On September 26th, in this year of the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, Archbishop Prendergast will be hosting his brother bishops from across Canada to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada with them. This Solemn Mass will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica at 3:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. The faithful will be invited to join the bishops in the consecration of Canada to our Blessed Mother. Priests and deacons who plan on attending, are asked please confirm their presence at [gouellette@archottawa.ca](mailto:gouellette@archottawa.ca) before September 22nd in order for sufficient space to be reserved for them.

## PILGRIMAGE

The 8th annual pilgrimage to St. Joseph Oratory with a special visit to the Shrine of St-Kateri, Kahnawake will take place on **Sunday October 15**. Transportation will leave Westgate Shopping Centre at 7:00 a.m. at a cost of \$65.00. For information please contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 or [pa.ap@bell.net](http://pa.ap@bell.net).

**Red Cross** - Case Worker Positions for the BC Fires: Due to all fires in the BC regions, Hays Recruiting has teamed up with the Canadian Red Cross and are in need of Case workers urgently to help with the relief. Info: Kaitlyn Mulligan (613-288-4297 x 506); [Kaitlyn.mulligan@hays.com](mailto:Kaitlyn.mulligan@hays.com).