



**“Keep alert, for you do not know,
When the master of the house will come”**

Today's reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37

Next week reading: : Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8

This Week

Saturday, December 2 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
 5:00 p.m. Mass for Daniel Janigan † and Annie Perry † req.
 by Anna Janigan
 6:00 p.m. CWL Bake Sale

Sunday, December 3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. CWL Bake Sale
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 12:00 p.m. CWL Bake Sale

Monday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS
 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Daniel School
 7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame School
 1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games
 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mission and Social Justice Committee

Friday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 9 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 11:00 a.m. CWL
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 7:30 p.m. Ottawa Celtic Choir Concert

Sunday, December 10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Lee Germain †req. by Madison & Cloe
 3:00 p.m. Bytown Voices Concert

From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (Mark 13.33-37)

“It is Advent”

Advent is here.

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word: adventus, meaning “coming” which is a translation of the Greek word Parousia, commonly used to refer to the second coming of Christ.

On this first Sunday of Advent the Gospel speaks about the coming of the Lord at the end of the world and how to prepare for it. “Watch out”, “Stay awake!” are the catch words of today's Gospel.

We are door keepers, servants in charge and waiting on edge for the return of our Master.

As we begin today a new cycle of the Church's year of Grace, let us avoid any paranoid anxiety (Doomsday Paranoia) on the one hand and reckless complacency on the other.

Let us resolve to be always awake in the spirit by living a life of faith and love in service to the Lord so that whenever He comes we shall be ready to follow Him into the glory of eternity.

God Bless,
 Fr. James Raphael

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Thursday, December 14

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. NO MASS

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. Mass (Christmas Pageant)
 7:30 p.m. Mass
 10:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of the Holy Family- Sunday, December 31th

9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. NO MASS

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31th

5:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Jan.1st

10:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas and New Year's (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation.



Parish News

2018 ST. BASIL PARISH CALENDARS

The calendars are available in the Narthex. Cost: \$3/each or 2/\$5.00. (They also make great Christmas gifts).

The new **Sunday Missals** for 2017/18 are still available for purchase for: \$5.00 each.

Please put your money for calendar(s) and Sunday Missal book in the wooden box provided on the table.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



There will be roles for children and youth of all ages. Please email Susan Fekete at: susan_ottawa@yahoo.com if your child/youth would like to participate. Please indicate their name(s) and age(s) or if you would like to help out with this endeavor.

The last practice will be on Sunday, **Dec. 17th** from 10:00-10:30 in the church hall.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Let us love, not with words but with deeds"
(Pope Francis: <http://w2.vatican.va>)

Mission and Social Justice Committee meeting is on Thursday, **December 7th** at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Our annual turkey dinner will be held on **Sunday December 17th**.

Tickets are \$20 each and will be available for purchase after all masses on the weekends of December 2nd and December 9th.

Reception will be held at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. For more information please contact Mary Ross 613 797 9460 or Judy Young 613-728-9026.

ST. BASIL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 🎄🎄🎄

The key dates to remember are as follows:

Dec. 9th/10th: The deadline weekend to return wrapped Christmas gift donations with Name Tags attached.

Dec. 14th: The day that we are preparing the Christmas parcels in the church hall for delivery.

Dec. 16th/17th: Parcels are ready after each mass for delivery to recipients by parishioners. Delivery to be completed by Dec. 21st.

As has been the practice for several years, name tags with age/gender information will be on a Christmas tree at the church entrance. Please take a tag or two and purchase a gift for the child. Return the wrapped gift WITH the gift tag attached by the deadline date indicated.

Volunteers needed on **Dec. 14th** after the 9 a.m. mass in church hall, to assist with getting the Food & Christmas gift package ready for delivery.

Parcel will be ready for delivery by parishioners after all masses on Dec. 16th & 17th. Contact Michael and Michelle Gleeson at [613-729-5299](tel:613-729-5299) or mandmgleeson@rogers.com

ADVENT BRUNCH

Come celebrate the beginning of Advent with us on **Sunday, Dec. 3rd**, after the 9 a.m. Mass. We will be having a potluck brunch, decorating wreaths, and making Christmas cards to send to Medex. Please bring:

Food to share (fruit, muffins, cheese...),

Basic wreath (Could be four sticks to tie together or purchased imitation evergreen circle - Be creative. Anything goes!), and four candles (3 purple and one pink). If you have white ones, we will hand out coloured ribbon to tie around them. Decorations for the wreaths and card making supplies will be provided. All are welcome! Volunteers needed!

Contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com if you can help in any way - buying supplies, setup/clean up etc.

TRUSTEES NEEDED FOR 11:00 MASS

We are looking for volunteers for the role of trustee for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. You would be required only once a month to prepare the altar for Mass and duties after Mass. Everything is clearly outlined on a checklist and training will be provided. Contact: Marg Imbleau after Mass, or 613-715-9645 or email: marg.imbleau@rogers.com

THE GREEN TEAM



The CWL is the first committee to answer the challenge to assist in the greening of St. Basil's by offering to reorganize the recycling of the hall kitchen. Thank you CWL – now what are other committees planning – SPIRITUALITY, EDUCATION or ACTION?

To contact the Green Team, email: StBasilsGreenTeam@gmail.com

Remember: Save a Tree- think reusable during the Christmas Season

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee will seek ways to improve two-way communication and increase awareness of parish activities in a timelier way. At the first meeting it was decided to proceed with a pilot project for those involved in the Children's Liturgy. More information on this will follow. For questions, suggestions and further information, contact the Committee Chair, Judy Young at judyyoung@sympatico.ca.

CARLINGTON COMMUNITY DINNER-THANKYOU



Our first fundraising dinner for the Carlington Community Chaplaincy was a great success. Despite the bad weather, we had an almost full house and raised \$7000. I would like to thank all those who helped make it an enjoyable event: the Knights of Columbus, the awesome kitchen crew headed by Mary Smith and Michelle Gleeson, and especially my four team members who pulled together all the bits and pieces: Margaret Bott, Elizabeth Elliot, Maureen Ramsay and Rosemary Williams. Thank you St. Basil's for supporting this very needy neighbourhood community. - Kathy Czerny -

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Bulletin of December 17th deadline **Thursday December 7th noon**

Bulletin of December 24th deadline **Friday December 8th noon**

Bulletin of December 31st deadline **Friday December 15th noon**

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, PLEASE CONSIDER A
DONATION OR BEQUEST TO ST. BASIL PARISH**