



1st SUNDAY OF LENT
*"Jesus was tempted by Satan;
 And the Angels waited on him"*

Today's reading: Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15
 Next week reading: Genesis 22.1-2; 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-10

This Week

- Saturday, February 17** **1st SUNDAY OF LENT**
 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, February 18** **1st SUNDAY OF LENT**
 9:00 a.m. Mass for St. Basil Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Monday, February 19**
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro
- Tuesday, February 20**
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children Choir
 7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices
- Wednesday, February 21**
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Daniel School
 12:00 p.m. Retirees
 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
- Thursday, February 22**
 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Friday, February 23**
 9:00 a.m. Mass in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony req. by
 Mary and John Audcent
 7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book
- Saturday, February 24** **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**
 1:30 p.m. ByTown Voices
 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, February 25** **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Session 4
 11:00 a.m. Mass

From the desk of Fr. James

1st Week of Lent *Welcome to the Lenten Season 2018*

Jesus' forty days in the wilderness parallel Israel's forty years in the wilderness. In both the instances, there is the apparent "absence of God". The presence of God emerges as a result of struggle and testing. Satan tests Jesus in the wilderness, whereas Israel tested God there.

Our Lord's suffering, hunger, loneliness and humiliation at the hands of his enemies were all for us. This very thought should make us feel gladly welcome the little bit of suffering and humiliation we are to take for ourselves in our routine. One may not be in strict fasting from food and drink, yet there are subtle ways of observing penance in our daily lives – a controlled temper, less uncharitable talks, a little help, etc., which will help to keep our unruly minds and bodies in check, while at the same time it will show that we are grateful to our loving Saviour for all that he suffered for us. A sincere Christian is to find hundred such ways to thank and honour Christ our Saviour during this Lenten season.

God Bless,
 Fr. James Raphael

Excerpts from Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2018

"The Church encourages Catholics to make the entire Lenten season a period of discipline with attention to personal prayer, participation in Mass, and the observance of fasting (only one full meal that day) and abstinence (not eating meat that day).

During Lent, there is obligatory fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30), and abstinence on the other Fridays. These are the basics for everyone and I recommend that you observe these traditional practices.

A little self-denial is healthy in many ways. It gives you a tiny insight into Jesus' agony on the Cross for you. It gives you a hint of the suffering of the needy who do not share your life of abundance. It also asserts that not every appetite controls you. The opposite, unbroken self-indulgence, is a form of idolatry: "Their end is destruction; their god is the belly." (Philippians 3.19)

You might wish to join me in my weekly Monday abstinence from social media and internet. Although these are not evil, they tend to close us in on ourselves and impede communication with family members, work associates, and others.



Disconnecting for a time could help you experience Jesus' forty days in the desert. Unplug from the noise that surrounds you to concentrate on what is important. Quiet and solitude will help you to become still and find time for family interaction, prayer, and listening to God's Word in the Scriptures

Parish News



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass Session 4: Reconciliation

Tues, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) Family Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 18 after 9 am Mass Session 5: Do!

RITE OF ELECTION

On Sunday, **February 18 at 2:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Georgia Malpass** and **Logan Carter** will celebrate the Rite of Election at Notre Dame Cathedral. They along with catechumens from other parishes in the diocese will be invited by Archbishop Prendergast to sign the Book of the Elect as they move into the final period of purification and enlightenment as they prepare for baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. They will be called the elect as they will be elected for baptism at Easter. You are invited to attend this ritual and please pray for Georgia and Logan.

CWL



We're cleaning out the cupboards and shelves in the Conference Room (room under the Sacristy). Over the years a variety of items have accumulated there and it's time to clean it out. From **February 19 to 25** the contents of the cupboard will be out on tables. If your committee

has material stored in that room please identify and consolidate items you want to continue to store. On **February 26/27** remaining items will be removed. Identified material will be stored in the cupboards, labelled according to committee.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Social justice is integral to our faith commitment. (Catholic Social Thought)



shorter showers

GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH

St. Basil's is joining thousands of Christians across Canada in the faith-in-action campaign, Give It Up For The Earth, by taking action to reduce personal or household greenhouse gas emissions. Please fill in a card which are offered after each Mass today.

THE GREENING OF SACRED SPACES

(experiences from St. Geneviève's)

Presentation by Richard Pommainville. Preceded by a Light, Lenten, Lunch 12 noon on **Sunday, March 4th, 2018**. Sponsored by The Green Team and the Mission and Social Justice Committee.



The Mission and Social Justice Committee in collaboration with Development and Peace invites you all to a liturgy of **the Way of the Cross on Friday, March 2nd** in the church at **7:00 p.m.** The focus of our prayer will be Making Peace.

From the Diocese and Community

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Archdiocese of Ottawa, in agreement with the Association of Ontario Bishops, is helping in the initiative of the Call for Conscience Campaign organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. This initiative is seeking the participation of Catholic parishes in raising awareness of euthanasia/assisted suicide and the discriminatory position in which doctors, caregivers, and healthcare providers find themselves. To be involved in notifying your local MPP concerning the protection of healthcare workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide, all parishes have more information.

www.canadiansforconscience.ca.

FAMILY DAY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

At Waupoos Family Farm, 2050 Rideau Rd. on **Mon., Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The day includes Mass, hot dog lunch, skating, sledding and a bonfire, or relaxing inside the lodge. All families welcome! Goodwill donation. Limited space. Register at www.fymottawa.com/family. Sponsored by Family & Youth Ministry Office. Info: skorban@archottawa.ca; www.fymottawa.com/family.

CANADIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION

The Archdiocese of Ottawa is hosting the Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition at the Diocesan Centre, **Jan. 24 – Feb. 23**. It was launched Jan. 24 by Archbishop Prendergast and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Emeritus Rabbi of congregation Machzeikai Hadas.

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2018

Registration is now open for youth Grades 9-12, chaperones, and clergy interested in attending Steubenville Toronto with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, **July 13-15**. This is Canada's largest conference for Catholic Youth. Cost including bus: \$390. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by Feb 28. Priests only pay bus fee. More info: www.fymottawa.com/youth or contact Sophia Korban (skorban@archottawa.ca).

CATHOLIC PARENTING CHALLENGE

Take the Catholic Parenting Challenge presented by Evango and The Family & Youth Ministry Office! Step 1: Connect with other Parents, March 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Road. Step 2: Take the 5 Day Challenge consisting of short videos and simple actions to try at home each day. Step 3: Join the Facebook Live Chat, March 8, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, on the Family & Youth Ministry Ottawa Page to continue the conversation. Info & Registration: www.fymottawa.com. Contact Sophia: skorban@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025x222.

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