



## Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Community

*"The Lord is merciful and gracious."*  
Psalm 103:8

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sat. Feb. 22 Vigil of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

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

### Sunday Feb 23 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Daniel Steller req. by Matthew

11:00 a.m. Mass Intention for †Leona McAllister req. by Madeleine Nadeau

### Monday Feb 24 Blessed Luke Belludi

9:00 Mass Intention for † Sr. Anna Clare Berrigan, GSIC

### Tuesday Feb 25 Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

9:00 a.m. Mass Intention for †Violet Corbiere Winkler

1:00 Funeral for Mrs. Viola Brown

### Ash Wednesday Feb. 26

9:00 a.m. Mass Intention for † James Harold Tinkess

7:00 p.m. Mass Intention for Peace and Reconciliation

### Thursday Feb 27 St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 a.m. Mass Intention for the Passionist Fathers

### Friday Feb 28 Blessed Daniel Brottier

9:00 a.m. Mass Intention for †Eleanor & Clarence Hogan req. by Mary and John Audcent

### Saturday Feb 29 Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday March 1 First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Blessings for Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, CSsR

11:00 a.m. Mass Intention for † Viola Brown

	<i>Last week Feb. 16, 2020</i>	<i>Cumulative to last week</i>
<i>Collection target</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>	<i>\$28,000</i>
<i>Actual collections</i>	<i>4,027.40</i>	<i>25,572</i>
<i>Surplus (Shortfall)</i>	<i>27.40</i>	<i>(2,428)</i>
<i>Other Collections</i>		
<i>Access and Hospitality Campaign</i>	<i>20.00</i>	
<i>Char. Works/Missions</i>	<i>75.00</i>	

## Sick and Deceased in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died, and all those who mourn them, especially **Sr. Anna Clare, GSIC** and **Mrs. Viola Brown**. We pray for those needing healing in our Parish, especially Louise Haridge, Elizabeth Roy, Bob Czerny and Louise Rathier.

## Parish Events This Week

**Sunday:** Lenten Pancake Breakfast 10:00 a.m.

**Monday:** West End Interfaith Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

**Tuesday:** Mass at Medex 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Altar Servers Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall,

**Tuesday:** Financial Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Mass at Notre Dame H.S. 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Bridge Club at 1:00 in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus at 7:00 in Parish Hall,

**Friday:** Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. in the Church

**Friday:** Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in Church

**Sat.:** Ben Hayes & Nicola Cooper Wedding 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** Parish Lenten Mission 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

## Parish News

**Accessibility and Hospitality Campaign:** As of February 16, 2020, the Parish has raised \$269,851 of our fundraising goal. This represents 79% of our goal of \$342,000. We are getting closer to our goal with just 21% remaining in our fundraising efforts! Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to keep this beautiful building and St. Basil's parish alive, vibrant and welcoming.

**Imagining a Parish Youth Ministry, Second Session:** The second session of our discussions on the parish's youth ministry will take place on **Saturday, February 22**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You do not have to have been present at our first gathering to attend the second session. Please plan to attend! It will be worth it!

**Green Team: On Food Waste** In Canada 58% of all food produced is lost or wasted. In landfills it rots and becomes a source of methane which has 21 times the climate warming potential of CO2.

**TO DO:** Buy less food- shop more often, eat all leftovers, un-clutter fridge to see food better, don't over serve food.

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and follow us on Twitter!



### 60 Under 60

*"60 Under 60" is a new feature in our bulletin all this year as we celebrate our 60 years as a faith community. 60 under 60 means: a memory about the parish over the past 60 years that can be written for the bulletin using approximately 60 words, more or less. Please submit your entries to the parish office at [stbasilsparish@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilsparish@gmail.com)*

When I first arrived in Ottawa in 1961, as a new bride, I missed all my Toronto family and friends! Jack and I lived at the corner of Carling and Sherbourne. We were happy to find that St. Basil's was a short walk from our apartment. I joined the CWL and found a second home. When we moved to Cameo Drive in 1963, Fr. Ruth had started neighbourhood groups. I was so thankful to be invited into many welcoming homes where I met and made good friends!

Submitted by Denise Valcour

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day 2020:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by Rob Kealey and his band on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 and a perfect way to continue celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, something Father Daryold is striving to achieve. Tickets are \$22.50 per person and will be available after all Masses starting February 22<sup>nd</sup> and from our Parish Office. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit of St. Patrick's Day!!

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

**Sunday, March 1 – Wednesday, March 4**

*7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

Next Sunday the Mission begins. The Missionary will join us for the Saturday evening mass, will preach at all the Sunday Masses and on through this "Sacred Week" in the parish. Each evening, beginning Sunday night, the Mission services will start at 7:00 p.m. The evening services are scheduled to last approximately one hour. Each night following the Mission, there will be an opportunity for coffee in the Parish Hall (or Narthex) for those who wish. The Mission concludes Wednesday evening with celebrated Mass.



## Archbishop's Lenten Letter 2020

*"One does not live by bread alone"*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Collect of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent is: "Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects." Lent helps us grasp Easter.

In the Gospel of Lent's first Sunday, Satan is tempted after his forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. The devil wanted Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. This temptation tries to sow doubt about God's care for us and his Providence. It's also placing our temporary cravings above our real need, which is obeying God's will for our salvation.

Christ's response to the tempter's ploy encapsulates Lent's meaning: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Our real nourishment comes from listening to and obeying God, not satisfying passing desires. Jesus' days in the desert with God in prayer and fasting strengthened him to resist the trials of the devil.

We have three time-tested practices to prepare for Easter: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (or charity). Isn't it interesting that these practices all involve giving? Prayer gives God more time in our lives. Fasting gives up something to strengthen our willpower to repel sinful attachment. Almsgiving gives to charity to help lessen someone's suffering.

For fasting to be fruitful, you have to sacrifice something you like. Consequently, unless you really like broccoli, you cannot give it up and count that as "fasting"

Fasting can mean more than abstaining from food, treats, or drinks. You might consider fasting from social media one day a week or taking a break from TV or Netflix to curb your desire for entertainment. It's hard to hear the Lord if we are always online. We need to "plug into" God. That means fasting from less meaningful stimulation.

The Prayer after Communion for the First Sunday of Lent reads, "Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth." We cannot live by our earthly bread alone. Jesus is the Word of God, and the Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus. "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink," said our Lord. A simpler diet can help us discern this banquet.

Lent is a privileged time of spiritual renewal. Let us use this time with the help of God's grace to prepare well for our Easter celebration, so that we can better reflect the new life of Christ within us!

Terrence Prendergast, S.J.  
Archbishop of Ottawa