

St. Basil's Church

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Feast of the Holy Family



***Celebrating 63 Years of Faith
and Community***

*"The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favour of
God was upon him." Luke 2:40*

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 30, 5:00 p.m. Feast of the Holy Family. For the People of the Parish.

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family. Mass Intention for the repose of the souls in Purgatory.

Monday, January 1, 10:00 a.m. The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. For global peace.

Tuesday, January 2, 9:00 a.m. St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen. For health care workers and teachers.

Wednesday, January 3, 9:00 a.m. The most Holy Name of Jesus. For those who gather and pray in the name of Jesus.

Thursday, January 4, 9:00 a.m. For all who suffer in body and in spirit.

Friday, January 5, 9:00 a.m. For Vocations.

Saturday Vigil, January 6, 5:00 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord. Mass Intention for the repose of the soul of †Jackie Shields requested by the Knights of Columbus.

Sunday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. The Epiphany of the Lord. Mass Intention for the repose of the soul of †Peter Lesaux requested by George James.

Mass Intention for the repose of the souls of †Filippo and Irene Urbisci requested by their son Armando Urbisci.

Sick in Our Parish: We pray for Joe Emery, Trudy and Tony Romero, Leo Sayn-Wittgenstein, Dennis Meilleur, Jeffrey Harris, Kevin Sloane, Theresa Hall, Pippa Beck, Philip Goldring, Amanda Monette, Elder Louise Gagnon, and those who care for them.

Deceased in our Parish: We pray for: Ted and Sadie Stephen, Elizabeth Casey Wroz, Gerry Riopelle, Pat Kehoe, and for those who have died in all conflicts and wars.

Events of the Week:

Monday, January 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Children of Abraham: Interfaith Prayer Service for Global Peace.

Sunday, January 7, 2024, 11:00 a.m. "Welcome in the New Year" Sunday Brunch, Knights of Columbus hosting in the Parish Hall.



***Children of Abraham
Interfaith Prayer Service with Muslim,
Jewish and Christian Communities for
Global Peace***
**St. Basil's, Monday, January 1, 2024, at
4:00 p.m.**

**Advent Mass with St. Daniel's School
Wednesday, 14 December 2023**



**"Welcome in the New Year"
Sunday Brunch: Sunday Jan 07, 2024**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual 'Welcome in the New Year' Sunday Brunch after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday January 7th in our Parish Hall. What a great way to celebrate the New Year as a community and welcome new parishioners to St. Basil's!!

Pacem in Terris: 60 years later:
A Mini-Reflection on the World Day of Peace,
January 1, 2024

by Fr. Daryold Winkler

Just months after the Cuban Missile Crisis and its potential to cause a nuclear war, Pope John XXIII issued his second encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* in April 1963. It was the Pope, in fact, who played a crucial intermediary role between President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev in preventing the unthinkable. This event obviously made the encyclical's plea for peace even more urgent.

The encyclical is a challenging text to read – its language seems archaic today and the concern for inclusive language did not exist then. Its methodology would be considered outdated but the encyclical nevertheless contains spiritual insights that are perennial.

The first insight is the fact that Pope John addresses not only the bishops – which was the first time this happened in an encyclical – but *all people of good will*. This included not only Roman Catholic laity but those beyond the Church. What he understood then, especially with the new realization that global annihilation was now possible, is that peace is the work of *all human beings*.

Secondly, and related to the first insight, is that we humans are interconnected and related – what happens to you will happen to me. This is what the Lakota First Nation means by *mitakuye oyasin*, the phrase meaning “we are all related” and used formally to end a prayer. We need to be concerned for one another not only for the sake of survival – but also for the sake of having enriched and flourishing lives. This insight is what Algonquin-speaking peoples have always understood as *bimaadiziwin* – that is, a *good life*. We are all created to enjoy this life – and not just suffer through it.

What *Pacem in Terris* ultimately teaches is that we can no longer live on the planet without dialogue on a global scale. Sixty years later, Pope Francis builds on this insight adding that dialogue is not possible without *truly listening to one another*. This must start on the local level, the parish level, the neighbourhood level. Without listening to one another, peace is not possible. On this World Day of Peace, let us reflect on how you and I can truly be channels of global peace – starting at the parish level.

Exploring our faith through the lens of
Creation Spirituality: Thursdays,
January 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for
two more evening sessions to explore Creation
Spirituality in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome.

"All of creation is a song of praise to God." -
Hildegard of Bingen

The Churches and Indigenous Peoples
Thursday evenings. January 11-April 4

Professor Sheila Smith, rscj, invites you to a winter course that examines the Churches' response to Canada's TRC Call to Action #48: to use the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. Offered in English and open to all, including non-degree students and auditors. Online on Zoom or in-person at Saint Paul University. For more information: email: Sheila.Smith@ustpaul.ca

The Next St. Basil's
Conversation for our Times Zoom
Series:
Jan. 14, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

"Social Isolation & Loneliness among Older Adults:" by Dr. David Conn. Zoom Link on Parish Website and on the Parish's Facebook page.



FRAUD

Thursday January 25th at 5:00
p.m. Presentation on Fraud
Prevention offered by the Ottawa
Police Service:

This presentation is to educate you about online and in person techniques used by individuals to steal your money as well as your identity.

Though geared towards seniors, it is an opportunity for all to learn about this issue that affects many innocent people and will be a platform to ask questions.

Assistance in serving light refreshments afterwards is needed. For more information, please contact John Watters at wattersj@magma.ca or the parish office. Registration to assess numbers only. All are welcome.





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