

# Saint Patrick Basilica Parish

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## Parish Office

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**Office Hours** – Monday to Friday 9 am to 12:15 pm | 12:45 pm to 4:30 pm

**Church Open** – Sunday 7 am to 3 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm | Monday to Saturday 6:30 am to 6 pm

**Book & Gift Shop** – Saturday 1 pm to 5 pm | Sunday 8:30 am to 2 pm | Monday & Tuesday closed  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11 am to 5:30 pm



## Parish Clergy

Fr. Stephen Amesse, Rector; Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS, Associate Rector; Fr. Larry McCormick, Fr. Ikedi Obikaonu, Fr. William Penney, In Residence; Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P., Assisting; Deacon Jim Scheer; Deacon Michel Pilon; Deacon Bob Farmer

## Parish Staff

Francesca Bailey, Music Director; Andrée O'Donnell, Parish Office Administrator; Carol Reaume, Book & Gift Shop Manager; Rob Renaud, Property Superintendent; Shawn Green, Custodian

## Parish Pastoral Council

Patrick Cham, Lindsay Charland, Anna Maria DiFlumeri, Harold Marcotte, Paul Newcombe (Chair), Fr. Stephen Amesse (Rector), Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS (Associate Rector); Deacon Jim Scheer

## Parish Finance Council

Charito Babol, Mandana Ghadaksaz; Susan Hennigan, Brian McLean, Tom Miles (Chair), Bob Osterhout, Richard Sarabura, Fr. Stephen Amesse (Rector), Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS (Associate Rector)

## General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their own pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and contacts, please visit the parish web site

## Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11 am; 12:15 & 7 pm

## Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday – 7:30 am, 12:15 pm & 4:30 pm. Saturday Morning – 7:30 am

## Confessions:

30 minutes before all Weekday Masses including Saturday morning  
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm  
No Confession on Sunday

## Mass Intentions:

Intentions can be offered by emailing:  
[massintention@basilica.ca](mailto:massintention@basilica.ca)

## Prayer & Devotions:

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 8 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena - Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

## Lending Library:

Hours are posted at the Library door

**“For a Church open to everyone... We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.”**

*Pope Francis*



## Catholic Cemeteries

### Hope Cemetery

613 822-1212 | Traditional – Mausoleum – Crypts & Niches – Catholic Chapel – Reception Hall

### Notre-Dame Cemetery

613 746-4175 | Traditional – Niches – Monuments

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: Pro Populo – For Parishioners

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

8:00 AM † Patricia Jackson by Paul Newcombe and Coleen Burningham

9:30 AM † Wendy Bertrand

11:00 AM † Edgar and Florence Aube by Deacon Bob and Carmel Farmer

12:15 PM † Glovana Clarke by Cecilia Block

† Irene Sawyer by Elizabeth Fortin

† Sheila and John Hennigan by the family

All souls in Purgatory by parishioners

In thanksgiving and for special intentions, by Leticia Millare

For poor sinners by a parishioner

7:00 PM Intentions of Wayne Sheldrick

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM Intentions of Eileen Sheldrick

12:15 PM † David Kealey by his daughter, Susan, and family

4:30 PM † Giuseppa Iacono by Louis and Carol Lo Mascolo

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Memorial of St. John Bosco

7:30 AM Intentions of the Renaud family

12:15 PM † All deceased priests who served our parish

4:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory by parishioners

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

7:30 AM Intentions of Msgr. Beach

12:15 PM † Michelle Lafleche

4:30 PM † Adele White by her family

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

##### World Day for Consecrated Life

7:30 AM † Alexandre de la Chevrotière  
by his children, Yolande and Paul

12:15 PM † Pauline Lamorre by Harry Lamorre

4:30 PM For poor sinners, by a parishioner

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Memorial of St. Blaise

7:30 AM All souls in Purgatory by parishioners

12:15 PM † Deceased members of

the Fiumidinisi and Lafontaine families

Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

† Finley Leonce by Adelaide JeanPierre

Souls in Purgatory by Hélène Bouchard

† Wilfrid Sansoucy by Sylvain and family

For the conversion of sinners and salvation of souls

4:30 PM † Helen and Fred Halloran, and deceased relatives and friends

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

7:30 AM † Rayné Plettell-Kenny by the family

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#### THANK YOU

We are grateful to Carol Reaume for her service to our parish as Manager of our Book and Gift Shop over the past five plus years. Carol left us on January 25 to pursue a different career path. Our thanks and prayers go with her as we thank her for her service to the Basilica.

#### 2023 Faith Development Opportunity

**Women of Grace Foundational Study Program:** Johnnette Benkovic Williams' wonderful course on being a Catholic woman today. The resources are: her text, her study guide, Scripture, the Catechism, Church documents from the beginning, ancient and contemporary saints' lives. The format includes prayer, a 30 minute video by Johnnette, group discussion of the readings for the week. The materials cost \$60, with financial aid available. Contact [mimiwilson613@gmail.com](mailto:mimiwilson613@gmail.com) for more info.

#### Meditations on Holy Mass

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First reading:** Is Zephaniah 2.3;3.12-13

*I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly.*

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.26-31 CCC 2813

*God chose what is weak in the world.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 5.1-12 CCC 1716, 1720, 2305, 2330

*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

The *first reading* echoes today's entrance psalm, "our glory is to praise the Lord." That is, recognition of, and trust in, God's sovereignty is a precondition for our true happiness. God calls us to be happy with him for ever. In contrast, the pleasures of this world pass away. Our vocation requires the humility to submit ourselves to God's will. In his Gospel, St. Matthew presents the complete spiritual plan set by Our Lord for his followers: we are to rejoice always, for our reward is in heaven. When we choose the Lord and respond generously to his grace, then no one, not even Satan, can take from us this joy. In the *second reading*, St. Paul restates this by reminding each of us, "God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus." Let us ponder the words that our Saviour has given us, and say to the Father, "Thy will be done."

**Before Mass:** *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and he taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *"Blessed are the pure in heart: they will see God," says the Lord. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *"Blessed are the peacemakers: they will be called children of God," says the Lord. (Second Vespers)*

#### Parish News

**Celebrants and Homilists Next Weekend:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS; **Sunday** 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Amessee; 9:30 a.m. – Fr. William Penney; 11:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Amessee; 12:15 p.m. – Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS; 7:00 p.m. – Fr. Ikedi Obikaonu.

Please pray for the sick, infirm, and hospitalized of our parish and for those who are caring for them.

**Collection Envelopes 2023:** 2023 envelopes are available in the Baptistry for those who have envelopes this year. Please note that your number may change. If you would like a set of envelopes or information on how to donate using automatic debit or credit card please contact [accounts@basilica.ca](mailto:accounts@basilica.ca) or 613-233-1125 ext 589.



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#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

##### For parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

### Employment Opportunity

Saint Patrick's Basilica Ottawa is welcoming applications for a full-time Manager of its Book and Gift Shop. For job description and answers to any questions you may have, please email [info@basilica.ca](mailto:info@basilica.ca)

### THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR

#### **Thursday 2nd February**

#### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:**

#### **Canticle of Simeon:**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Response: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace. Alleluia!

#### **Thursday 2nd February - World Day for Consecrated Life:**

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord": (*St. John Paul II, 1997*)

### Wider Community Interest

#### **SCHOOLS:**

#### **Kindergarten Registration with the Ottawa Catholic School Board:**

If your child was born in 2019, it's time to register them for Kindergarten at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. More info, 3D tours, registration help available here: <https://www.ocsb.ca/our-schools/kindergarten/> . Info: (613) 224-2222.

**Ottawa Catholic Young Professionals (OCYP):** This new ministry is for professionals under 40 looking to excel in their professional vocation while living out their Faith in the workplace! Join us for our next event on **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 7:00 PM at Royal Oak Pub (188 Bank St), for an evening of networking and a brief address from Amy Cronin on the topic of "How to change the world one step at a time." For more information, visit [ocyp.ca](http://ocyp.ca), find us on Facebook or email [info@ocyp.ca](mailto:info@ocyp.ca).

#### **SAINT PATRICK'S BOOK & GIFT SHOP CORNER**

#### **NEW BOOK ALERT:**

**Befriending St. Joseph** by **Deacon Greg Kandra** offers us a fresh take on the devotion known as the Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph. Although St. Joseph's words are not recorded, we know he became what God wanted him to be with steadfast patience, attention, trust, and prayer. This little book provides an opportunity to ponder Joseph's role in our salvation and to become more like him.

#### **Store Hours:**

Thursday and Friday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

### From the Rector

Sisters and Brothers,

On Friday we celebrate the wonderful tradition of the blessing of the throats. In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests or deacons holding two tapered candles over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body. It's an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles. According to the Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing is ordinarily given during Mass on February 3, the memorial of St. Blaise, following Candlemas, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. While ailments of the throat are the main thing for which St. Blaise is invoked in the West, he is also considered a protector against wild animals, a protector of cities and a patron of veterinarians, wool-combers and the wool industry.

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification. Along with Mary's willing submission, Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay five shekels into the Temple treasury. The Savior of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy. "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-24; see Nm 18:15-16). The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day (see 2:22-38). They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child; he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (2:29-32). The hymn has traditionally been termed the Nunc Dimittis, from the Latin, "Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace."

Your prayers and sacrifices ensure that we continue to provide ministry to those who attend our beautiful Basilica. Forgive me for repeating myself, but it is always heartwarming to hear the remarks of visitors who are impressed by the beauty, cleanliness, and peacefulness of our church, and are thankful that we are open throughout the day. None of it can happen without you!

God Bless.

Fr. Steve

#### **Stewardship – December 2022 Summary**

Fund	General	Restoration	Poor
Offerings	99,285.81	30,940.70	4,128.34
Expenses	98,380.76	34,766.58	
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