

AUGUST 18 & 25

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5:00 pm (Sat);
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

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Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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| Pastor: | Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB |
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FOCUSING ON CHRIST

By Fr. Morgan Rice

A couple of weeks ago, I had a chance to attend the Shaw Festival's wonderful production of Brigadoon at Niagara-on-the-Lake with some of my Basilian confrères. Before the evening performance, we walked along the Niagara River to where it empties into Lake Ontario at Queen's Royal Park. We stopped to look at a large granite and bronze marker dedicated to those who had successfully swum the 52km crossing to Marilyn Bell Park on the north shore of the lake, not too far from Exhibition Place. On the plaque are the words "perseverance", "courage", "fortitude", "spirit", "challenge", and "triumph"—qualities needed to perform this feat that usually takes 20+ hours. One thing that I thought might help a swimmer is to focus on something like the CN Tower, something that could be seen from the start, something that could provide some encouragement along the way. Little by little as

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the fatigue set in, the tower would seem to grow taller and taller as one drew closer and closer to it.

I thought about that as I reflected on today's second reading from Hebrews 12. Recognizing that life is akin to a race, the author of the letter encourages the Christian community to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus". Our lives are marked with challenges that might seem overwhelming at times, but with perseverance and the right focus, the goal is attainable. For a disciple of Christ, the focus is on Jesus, who himself demonstrated perseverance and endurance through the cross to his heavenly throne. He has wants us to live fulfilling lives and eventually join him there, but things like disappointments and our sins might seem to stand in the way. They might seem like a daunting chasm to cross.

So what do we do? Like the Hebrews, we are encouraged to "not grow weary or lose heart" but to train ourselves to keep going by living out our faith and fixing our eyes on our tower of strength, Jesus Christ, who forgives us, strengthens us, and leads us to share in his triumph in the heavenly kingdom.

AUGUST 18 READINGS:

- JEREMIAH 38.2-6, 8-10
- PSALM 40
- HEBREWS 12.1-4
- LUKE 12.49-53

AUGUST 25 READINGS:

- ISAIAH 66.18-21
- PSALM 117
- HEBREWS 12.5-7, 11-13
- LUKE 13.22-30

LABOUR DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labour Day.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

USMC STUDENT WELCOME MASS

Preparations are well underway for the beginning of the Fall 2019 term. Orientation begins with move-in on August 30th.

Incoming First-year students will be attending the 4:30PM Mass on Sunday, September 1st as part of their orientation week. Please offer then a warm St. Basil's welcome!

RELIC OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE

All are welcome to visit St. Joseph Parish and venerate the relic of Saint Brother Andre on **August 25, 2019**. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM, followed by a presentation on the life of Saint Brother Andre and veneration of his relic.

St. Joseph Parish, 162 Leslie St., Toronto
For more information call (416) 466-7815 or email stjosephparishtoronto@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

As fall approaches, we are looking to expand our volunteer base. Volunteers are needed for the Parish Coffee Hour, which meets before and after the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays; Liturgical Ministers for the Saturday 5:00PM as well as 4:30PM Masses; The St. Basil's Singers, a women's group which sings at the Sunday 4:30PM Mass is also welcome new members.

If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering opportunities, please reach out to Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, August 4, 2019 \$3,862.30

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Sunday, August 11, 2019 \$4,776.50



SUNDAY 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Irene Loreto (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm John and Domenica Coppa (liv.)
4:30pm Amelia and Boleslaw (+,+)

MONDAY

7:30am Margaret O'Gara (+)
12:10pm Magno Catabijan (+)

TUESDAY ST. BERNARD

7:30am Bernhard Vosicky (liv.)
12:10pm Anne MacCarthy (liv.), Petro, Olga,
Anna Hewak (+,+,+), Watter Chrobak (+)

WEDNESDAY ST. PIUS X

7:30am Richard Willing (+)
12:10pm Stephanie Rodrigues (+)

THURSDAY QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (+)
12:10pm Richard Willing (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

SATURDAY ST. BARTHOLOMEW

5:00pm



SUNDAY 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Nemesia F. Evangelista (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Kevin Quinto (+)
4:30pm Kathleen Kennedy (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Manuel & Julieta Lim (+)
12:10pm Fr. Owen Lee (+)

TUESDAY ST. MONICA

7:30am
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY ST. AUGUSTINE

7:30am
12:10pm Bernice Casey (+)

THURSDAY PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:30am
12:10pm

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm John Fernandes (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please note that the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive will take place on the weekend of September 7/8. A list of items needed for the Outreach Ministries will be included in the August 31/September 1 bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of the Outreach Ministries here at St. Basil's!

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Clare DeMello, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Mary O'Brien, Erika Farncomb, Michael West, Rita Moran, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Jose Gaitero, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

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