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5:00 pm (Sat);  
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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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

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VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm  
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Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

*by Jessica De Luca*

Advent is a time of preparing – preparing to celebrate the coming of the Lord. If you are like me, a staple in preparing for any event in life begins with making a to-do list; Christmas is no exception. I am always sure to have a list made, sometimes even before December rolls around.

It would be fair to say that my typical to-do list would not include a “pause and reflect” bullet point; if it did, it would likely show up somewhere near the bottom, maybe even as an afterthought. “Pause and reflect” is however, what we are told to do as we enter this second week of Advent. Today’s scripture readings remind us to “prepare the way of the Lord” by preparing ourselves.

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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

What a beautiful and well-needed reminder! It is easy to be overwhelmed in this season by the seemingly endless lists of to-dos. Preoccupied by the things to get done, we often fail to pay attention to what is most important: consciously thinking about how we are going to prepare for Christ to enter into our lives.

As the readings tell us, preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord must include an examination of our conscience. We are called to seek forgiveness for our wrong doings and are told to “strive” to let Christ find us each “at peace”. This can be a real challenge for us, especially if there are sins we are not ready to acknowledge or purposely ignore. Encouraging us to spend time in self-reflection and repentance is the beautiful image of Christ offered in our first reading. Christ is described as a shepherd that feeds His flock, carries the lambs, and leads His sheep. We know that the Lord is compassionate and merciful. Our second reading tells us He is “patient” with us too.

Inevitably, by pausing and reflecting, by examining our conscience and being at peace, we are faced with a decision to act. Preparing the way of the Lord includes thinking about what we can be doing better in our lives. Perhaps this is something as simple as adding more prayer time to your day, or helping a person in need.

In this next week, may we take a break from the hustle and bustle and spend time thinking about how we can better prepare ourselves. Let us all make a to-do list for the Lord, so he may fill our lives in a new and deeper way this Advent season.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 40.1-5, 9-11

PSALM 85

2 PETER 3.28-14

MARK 1.1-8

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS

From December 10 to 16, 2017, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At St. Basil's, *additional* opportunity for Confession will be available on **Thursday, December 14** during the following times:

- 9:00AM-12:00PM;
- 6:30PM-8:00PM.

## A CATHOLIC GOES TO THE MOVIES

*A Catholic Goes to the Movies* is a collection of thirty-seven film reviews by Father Daniel Callam, C.S.B.

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## COFFEE HOUR

Please note that next weekend, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the last 10:30 Coffee Hour will take place as there will be a Christmas break in the latter half of December.

Regular coffee hour resumes on **Sunday, January 7, 2018.**

## CHURCH ENVELOPES

A new calendar year is quickly approaching! Parish envelopes are available for pickup in the back of the Church starting this weekend.

Please note that in contrast to previous years, the labels will be placed on the top of the envelope boxes. If you have used envelopes this year, please be sure to only pick up a box with your number and name on it.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is making its annual Christmas appeal to help needy families during the holiday season, which can be especially challenging for the less fortunate. You can find a special Christmas envelope in today's bulletin, and more envelopes are at the back of the church.

Through your support, volunteers at St. Basil's will deliver Christmas dinner food vouchers to families and individuals who are living on social assistance, who face health issues, or who are simply down on their luck. We will also help parents buy gifts for their children. We hope to brighten the day of Jesus' birth for some 200 adults and young people. Every donation, small or large, makes a difference.

You can return the envelopes by placing them in the regular collections at Masses *throughout December*. You can also hand them in at the parish office, or give them to the St. Vincent members who staff the poor boxes. Tax receipts will be sent to donors who provide names and addresses on the envelopes. Please make cheques payable to: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT!

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 3, 2017     \$ 17,008.50



## MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> — 16<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Gloria Tansingco (liv.)  
10:30am *Pro Propulo*  
12:00pm Rae, Marie, and Sandra Forrester (+,+,+)  
4:30pm Dorothy Hannam (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am Lorenz Thalheimer (+)  
12:10pm Kitty McAlearey (+)

### TUESDAY

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am Rector Bolado (+)  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+), Eugene Madden (+), Manuel and Julieta Lim (+,+)

### WEDNESDAY **St. Lucy**

7:30am Daniel Teh (liv.)  
12:10pm Lina Ciavarella (+)

### THURSDAY

### St. John of the Cross

7:30am Sarah Guendouz (liv.)  
12:10pm Leonardo Escobar (+), Pat Criscuolo (liv.), Albert Rosettis (+)

### FRIDAY

7:30am John Patrick King and Kathleen Angus (+,+)  
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Joseph and Thomas Boyle (+,+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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