

DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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## SUNDAY MASSES

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.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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## BRINGING LOVE TO CHAOS

*By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell*

If you were to attend the Atrium downstairs today, you would witness the littlest ones of the parish preparing our prayer table for Advent. They will light one candle for hope and raise their voices asking Jesus to, "come and be born in our hearts." Since the Atrium opened in 2016 the way I celebrate Advent has changed. It can be difficult to look inward and examine your heart to ensure it is ready to receive the newborn child. However, this can be done joyfully. For the love of Jesus Christ envelops us regardless of our faults. The preparation process becomes easier when you acknowledge that you are loved unconditionally and that the joy of Christmas will come to you regardless of how unworthy you feel.

The Gospel today begins a little less joyfully. We are told of great disasters that will precede the

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second coming of Jesus Christ. The Son of Man will come, but not before floods and chaos upset the earth and its people. The whole event sounds bleak and it does not paint a very good picture of the world we have created. We are warned that when Christ comes in Glory, we will ignore all the signs that are in front of us like we have done for centuries. If it happened tomorrow most of us would miss it unless it went viral on social media.

So how do we prepare ourselves? The Gospel tells us to stop worrying about the things we cannot control and instead focus on strengthening our hearts, so we may escape disaster and stand before Jesus in His magnificence. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians tells us that we do this by increasing our love for one another. Being self-absorbed prevents us from loving the stranger and from valuing each human we encounter. Furthermore, it inhibits us from receiving the redemptive love of Jesus Christ. You cannot be fully open to something that you do not value.

It is not about being perfect, for Christ's love knows no bounds. Instead, it is about reaching out to those in our midst and being the face of Christ in a lost world. It is through performing acts of love that we become closer to Jesus Christ, and prepare the world for the celebration of His birth and for when He comes again in Glory. That is where the joy of the Advent season is found, in giving and receiving love. May you receive the strength you need to accept and share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

- JEREMIAH 33.14-16
- PSALM 25
- 1 THESSALONIANS 3.12-4.2
- LUKE 21.25-28, 34-36

**SUNDAY MISSALS & BLUE BOOKS**

The 2019 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available for sale through the parish office for \$5.00. The Advent Little Blue Books are also available for sale for \$2 in the parish office. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

**HELPING THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is making its Christmas appeal to help needy families during the holiday season, which can be especially challenging for the less fortunate. You will find a special Christmas envelope in today's bulletin, and extra 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 in the parish 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 many of the more than 200 households we serve. Every donation, small or large, has a big impact.

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.

**RCIA UPDATE**

Candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults have completed the period of the pre-catechumenate. As they grow in their journey of faith, they celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the order of catechumens on **Sunday, December 2, during the 10:30am Mass.**

This is the first time they will publically assemble as a group in front of the congregation and declare their intention to become members of the Church. Your presence during the rite helps the Church fulfil Her apostolic mission of accepting and welcoming new members. Please continue to pray for our catechumens on their journey towards the Easter Vigil!

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVINGS (PAG):

November 2018 \$8,455.64

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

*Music for Advent and Christmas*

**Tuesday, December 4, at 7:30pm**

Join the University of Toronto Faculty of Music's Oratorio Ensemble in a concert of vocal music spanning four hundred years, from Handel to Mendelssohn, Saint-Saëns, Bach, and Wolf. Dr. Darryl Edwards, Director, Mia Bach, Pianist, and Christina Haldane, Assistant Director. Free admission. Free-will donations will be accepted towards the music program of St. Basil's.

## ADVENT VESPERS & MASS

Come join and mark the Advent season with our Advent Vespers and Mass on **Saturday, December 15 at 5:00PM**. This wonderful service combines the ancient office of Vespers with the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This annual tradition helps us prepare for Christmas. Join us for a time of contemplation with prayer, chant, psalmody, and choral music. All are welcome.

## USMC SCHOLA CANTORUM

The University of St. Michael's College Schola Cantorum, directed by Michael O'Connor, presents *Waiting in Joyful Hope*.

Featuring selections from seasonal choral music, including plainchant, Hildegard, Josquin, Victoria, Brahms, Taverner, and more. Sung by St. Michael's Schola Cantorum directed by Michael O'Connor and Christina Labriola.

**December 8 at 8:00pm**

**St. Basil's Catholic Parish**

*Admission is free, donations are welcome to provide support to families in need at Christmas.*

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 25, 2018 \$6,075.85



## MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Tamara Tumidajski (+)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Jeanette and Lindsay MacNeil (+,+)

4:30pm Nerideus Brasil (+)

### MONDAY

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

7:30am Greg Santos (+)

12:10pm Frank Saldanha (+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Lorenz Thalheimer (+)

12:10pm Mary Theresa Riach (+), Anne Dowling (+)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am The Thalheimer Family

12:10pm Pamela D'Souza (+)

### THURSDAY

7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm George O'Brien (+)

### FRIDAY

### ST. AMBROSE

7:30am Tamara Sicherman (liv.)

12:10pm John and Lena Palma (+,+)

### SATURDAY

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


5:00pm Charles St. Jean (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Gemma Ciavarelal, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Shane Carroll, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Donna Wood, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Fr. Marvin LaBute, CSB, Fr. Peter Swan, CSB, Fr. William Sheehan, CSB, and Fr. Edwin Kline, CSB.

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