

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm
Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD

By Deacon James Sand, SJ

Today's gospel begins by listing the powerful men of John the Baptist's age from the Roman emperor on down; each and every one is less than savory. In his own way each ruler demonstrates that sin held sway at the time. Arrayed against these many forces of evil was a lone voice for God. The baptism of John and the far greater baptism that we have each received is a call to be that lone voice for God. The baptism we have received, however, is also a promise that our world is not just the domain of petty princes but also of the true king, Christ.

We have been marked with the sign of him who has promised to always be with us. It is he and not us who has begun the work of salvation and will bring it to joyful completion. The holy emblem on our brow is the sign of both the work and the joy of

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that salvation. It is a labour and a happiness that reminds us that the mercy and righteousness of Christ have never left the world.

This seal of our second birth is also the gateway into the New Jerusalem, the Church, that gathers all her children east and west to do battle with the impious potentates of the world. The true prophets of our age are not lone voices but rather speak with the voice of the truth that has echoed down through the ages *semper eadem*. It is the voice of Christ as found in his beloved Church.

The prophecy of reform in our age, as in the age of John, is not one founded on power but in truth. Only we ourselves know if our soul is a highway for God and his Word. Let us during this season of Advent pay heed to the lone voice in the wilderness and the myriad saints united in our same baptism who speak with a singular voice exhorting us to practice every virtue. So that when the day of completion comes our pure and blameless lives may have produced a harvest of righteousness.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

BARUCH 5.1-9

PSALM 126

PHILLIPIANS 1.3-6, 8-11

LUKE 3.1-6

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Join the universal prayer of the Church

Vespers (evening prayer) is prayed on weekdays at 5:10PM; **Lauds** (morning prayer) is prayed every Saturday at 9:00AM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend some quiet time with the Lord

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Solemn exposition and benediction take place on the first Friday of the month, following the 12:10pm Mass.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: SESSION 2

Join us in exploring the Living Word of God through the lens of the Gospel of Luke—the gospel read this liturgical year. This four session series is an opportunity to enrich our understanding of Luke's distinct portrait of Jesus and discipleship as presented by the evangelist. You need not have attended our first session to attend an upcoming one. Our upcoming sessions are:

- **December 12** The events leading to and including Jesus' birth and the start of his ministry
- **February 6** Jesus' ministry and teaching
- **March 13** The passion narrative and the Risen Jesus

Sessions take place from 7PM-8:30PM in Macrina Hall. Although registration is not required, it is encouraged so as to better prepare to welcome everyone.

For more information or to register please contact Marilena, our Director of Family Ministry:

marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca

THE BASIL BRIGADE NEEDS YOU!

On **Sunday, December 23** following the 12:00PM Mass, join our cleaning and decorating party. Many hands help to make for light work.

We will spend the afternoon sprucing up the church, preparing for the Christmas services on the two following days. RSVP not required. Contact Michael for more information: michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

We are currently updating our records for the Ministry of the Sick and Homebound. If you are already involved in this ministry, or are interested in learning more, please contact Michael via email at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or by phone at (416) 926-1300 x.3210.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will close early on Friday, December 14 at 6:00PM.

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.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Prepare your heart for Christmas. Join thousands taking part in the Week of Confessions this Advent.

During the week of **December 17-21**, there will be additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 11:00AM to 12:00PM before the weekday 12:10PM Mass. Additionally, the Sacrament will be made available from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on **Saturday, December 22nd**.

Confessions are also available by appointment by contacting the parish office at (416) 926-7110.

COFFEE HOUR

Please note that next Sunday, December 16th, will be the last coffee hour following the 10:30AM Mass until the new year.

The next coffee hour will be Sunday, January 6th, following the 10:30AM Mass.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 2, 2018 \$5,476.55



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 9TH – 15TH

SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Nicola Bellissario (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Evelyn and Virgil Farage (+,+)
4:30pm Joseph and Angela LaForgia (+,+)

MONDAY

7:30am Donna Schiekewy (liv.)
12:10pm Pedro Bolo Jr. (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Anita Farand Valade (+)
12:10pm Pedro Bolo Jr. (+), Arthur Barthos (+)

WEDNESDAY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:30am Louisa Dos Santos (liv.)
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

THURSDAY ST. LUCY

7:30am Paul Pham (+)
12:10pm Dr. and Mrs. Fitzhenry (+,+), Sally Lianko (liv.), Mr. and Mrs. Weatherhead (+,+), Lina Ciavarella (+), Mai O'Connor (+), Carmen D'Cruz (+), John Fernandes(+)

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:00pm Pat Quane (+)

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, Armando Payad, Jr.

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