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5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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

Current parish guidelines require parishioners to complete a self-screening at home before coming to the church, and to keep a log of all visits. The University is requiring that visitors to campus, regardless of the purpose of their visit, must be fully vaccinated (provided they are eligible for vaccination). Exemptions to the vaccine requirement must be approved by the University of Toronto.

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THE BEATITUDES AS SYNOD

If you attended the Webinar hosted by the Magdala Colloquy, you'll remember that John Dalla Costa introduced us to Pope Francis' model of the Polyhedron as Synodality. This model allows us to explore the different ways that groups share complex relations to Church. A Polyhedron is a shape made up of/emerging from other shapes; each intersection creates a 'seam' between shapes. When we think about Synodality, we must remember that we are not all the same shape, sometimes our shape fits better with other shapes, and not so well with others, but there is an intersection which exists.

The Polyhedron is important for us because it displays a radical inclusivity – something that is shared with the Beatitudes. Our Gospel reading for today reminds to reevaluate our priorities. Our understanding of what is important is turned on its head, we are once again called to see the value of the outcast, the poor, those who weep, those who have naught. Christ teaches us to be inclusive, to welcome those that have otherwise been forgotten. The Polyhedron succeeds at illuminating for us what words may have failed: the complex way that the intersections exist between us all.



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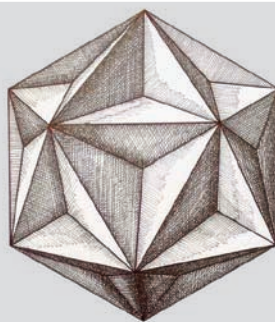


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Today, we see that there are systematic issues which effect the vulnerable the most significantly. We are challenged by the Beatitudes to address these issues. Tackling them head on is often difficult because we lose sight of the *whole*. The Polyhedron, I think, also gives us a solution to this problem. We must view the individuals in a more holistic way, taking into consideration not only where they intersect in one place, but in all places.



As we continue this Synodal process, we encourage you to begin thinking about *your* shape and how you fit into other shapes. Where and how do you intersect with others' shapes?

If you have not already, you are encouraged to fill out the Archdiocesan Synodal survey at www.archtoronto.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

JEREMIAH 17.5-8

PSALM 1

1 CORINTHIANS 15.12, 16-20

LUKE 6.17, 20-26

CHOOSING TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH RETREAT

Monday, February 28 9am-3pm
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
Pickering, ON

A day retreat open to men and women. The day will begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and muffins. There will be sessions in the chapel on the theme, "*Choosing to be part of the Church.*" There will be time for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. Lunch is provided. The day ends with Mass. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$50 per person. For more information, or to register, contact (905) 839-2864 or www.manresa-canada.ca

HOW DO WE WALK TOGETHER AS CHURCH?

Wednesday February 16, 11am-12pm

More information: <https://bit.ly/32BySlm>

What is synodality, and why does it matter to ordinary Catholics today?

The Second Vatican Council (1962–65) shone a light on the idea of all the baptized – the whole People of God – walking, working and discerning together to further their mission as Christians. More recently, Pope Francis has brought the Church's teaching in this area into sharper focus, calling synodality "an essential dimension of the Church."

Join authors Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli for a robust conversation on the topic of Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to solidarity and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church.

National Catholic Reporter correspondent Christopher White will serve as a moderator & interviewer for this conversation.

Registration is required for this online Zoom Webinar.

WALKING TOGETHER: A PRIMER ON THE NEW SYNODALITY

New Book Available from Novalis Publishing

Lay theologian and past synod participant Moira McQueen has much wisdom to share. Her book will help Catholics – lay and ordained – prepare and steer competently through the upcoming diocesan and regional synods around the world.

Softcover or e-books can be purchased online at www.novalis.ca.

Dear friends in Christ,

At the start of the year in the season of tax receipts (which should be on their way to you soon), I am reminded of the generosity of so many of you who made financial contributions to St. Basil's in 2021. It is one of the many reasons to give thanks to God! Your donations help provide beautiful liturgies, food for people in need, opportunities for faith formation and education, and, of course, things like heat and hydro! The community is nourished and strengthened as a result.

Later in the year, I shall provide a financial report to give more details about what we received and how it was spent. Thank you for your continued support, not only financially, but through your prayers and sharing of your individual talents and gifts!

Blessings,

Fr. Morgan

THE LIGHT OF NEWMAN IN THE DARK OF WINTER

Saturday, March 12, 9:30am-1:00pm
Virtual Event (Hosted by St. Augustine's Seminary)
Register: <https://bit.ly/SeminaryLentenRetreat2022>

Now is the time to start thinking about Lenten retreats. Join us on Saturday, March 12 as Dr. Donald Graham, Assistant Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, leads us through a day of virtual reflection on "The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter. Help for Our Lenten Journey." Dr. Graham has published widely on the topic of St. John Henry Newman. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect with fellow pilgrims on the journey.

The cost for the event is \$25. For more information, contact lay_formation@staugustines.on.ca

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION:

This weekend: BUILDING FUND



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 13TH – 19TH

SUNDAY 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Nicolas Andrusyszyn (✠)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Simone Minalabag (liv.)
4:30pm Irena Olszewska (✠)

MONDAY STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

7:30am G. Bernard Fournier (✠)
12:10pm Emilia (✠)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Jack Schwaab (✠), Mr. and Mrs. Felix Managan (✠,✠)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adele O'Connell (✠)
12:10pm Vocations

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Paul Darragh (✠), Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (✠,✠,✠)

FRIDAY

7:30am Sung Family (✠)
12:10pm Irena (✠)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Robert James and Valerie Crilly (✠,✠)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Steve Chandeller, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Evelyn McGloin, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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