

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

ORDINARY TIME – VI

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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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

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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CHOICES

By Michael Pirri

"If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you. [...] He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin." (Sirach 15.15, 20)

Today's readings give us ample opportunity to contextualize our daily decision making process when it comes to our actions with other individuals. They are also a reminder that faith is a free, human act; a gift from God, yes, which allows us to know Him, but freely accepted nonetheless.

As part of the Sermon on the Mount, today's Gospel readings focus on Jesus' preaching about the Law. *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not*

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.



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to abolish but to fulfill.” (Matthew 5.17) In fact, what he does is show how the Law is fulfilled in him, by going *beyond* the law through him.

We have the choice, the free will, to simply abide by the letter of the law, or to follow the spirit of the law. These situations can be difficult to navigate. Take, for instance, a highway speed limit. The letter law mandates that you obey the maximum speed limit of 100km/h, a minimum speed of 60km/h; the spirit of that law is based on overall road safety, predicated on (presumably) decades of research on accident survival rates, among other factors. If everyone is travelling at 120km/h, then you're faced with a dilemma. Do you travel according to the letter of the law or to the spirit of the law? *(The answer is you set your cruise control at 115km/h to avoid getting any demerit points!)* In a letter to the Romans, Paul writes *“But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.” (Romans 7.6)* In the Gospel reading today, Christ presents 4 of the 6 statements from the Sermon on the Mount which show that he has not only fulfilled the old law, but commands us to go beyond, to fulfill the spirit of the law. So how do we navigate this grey zone between the letter and the spirit of the law?

“a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22.35-40)

SUNDAY’S READINGS:

SIRACH 15.15-20

PSALM 119

1 CORINTHIANS 2.6-10

MATTHEW 5.17-37

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto welcomes Deacon Robert Kinghorn, a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Toronto, who will offer reflections on his ministry in a crime-ridden Toronto neighbourhood of drugs, prostitution, violence and homelessness.

For the past four years he has chronicled those experiences in Canada’s national Catholic newspaper, The Catholic Register, in an award-winning column called “The Church on the Street”.

The most poignant of those short essays are assembled in a new book (copies will be available for purchase).

A light lunch and meeting follow the **12:10PM Mass on February 19, 2020**. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the Parish Office at (416) 926-7110.

INTERFAITH FESTIVAL OF CREATION

All are invited to the Festival of Creation, an afternoon celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week. World Interfaith Harmony Week was established in 2010 as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. This year, the 10th anniversary celebration is being hosted by The Mary Ward Centre.

The day includes opportunities for sharing in prayer, food, music, film, and poetry.

1-5PM

Sunday, February 16, 2020

The Mary Ward Centre

70 St. Mary Street

For more information, please contact the Mary Ward Centre at (416) 483-2238.

FAMILY DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 for Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the Church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Altar Servers assist the members of the liturgical assembly by presenting or arranging vessels and other items used in the celebration of the Mass. Their reverent and efficient services enable other ministers to attend to their own roles while the liturgical actions unfold in a noble simplicity. As members of the assembly who are visible to all, the Altar Servers also model good liturgical participation. We are currently recruiting Altar Servers for all Masses

The Sunday afternoon 4:30 Mass is supported by the **Singers**, an upper-voice ensemble. A growing and vibrant ensemble, the Singers repertoire commit to rehearsals at 3:00 on Sunday afternoons preceding the beginning of the Mass.

If you are willing to serve the parish community in these ways, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-2075.

CWSA WELCOMES PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The Contemplative Women of Saint Anne (CWSA) is a community of Catholic women who seek to deepen their faith through contemplative prayer, the study of women saints and mystics, and the practice of creative arts.

The CWSA invites Catholic women who are interested in learning more about CWSA to contact Michael Pirri at (416) 926-2075 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 9, 2020 \$4,218.40



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 16TH – 22ND

SUNDAY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Anna and Enrico Scoppio (+,+)

4:30pm Veronika-Ana Stoparric (+)

MONDAY (*office closed*)

9:00am Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon
(+,+,+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Ditas Cornejo (liv.)

12:10pm Mary Anne Hodges (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am John Vidovic (+)

12:10pm *Vocations*

THURSDAY

7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (+)

12:10pm Wendy Dolan (+), Francis Frank (+),
Kathleen Angus (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Tamara Tumidajski (+)

12:10pm Aidan Weingarden (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Gemma Ciavarella, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Roberto Martello, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Raffaele Amoroso, and Nina Anosowicz.

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