

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 18

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Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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*Ary Scheffer - The Temptation of Christ (1854)*

## PARISH STAFF

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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

## EMBRACING HUMILITY

*by Lucinda M. Vardey*

The covenant God made with Noah is an agreement of relationship: one between the Eternal Creator and all of God's creation.

As Noah obeyed God, God met him in a relationship of humility. Humility was evident on God's part to enter into a covenant with earthly life and it was evident on Noah's part for being faithful, and doing what God instructed without questioning, or doubting.



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This sort of humility, embodied in Jesus, allows for a growing love in our relationship with God. As followers of Christ, as students of his way, as lovers of his truth, humility has to be the essential root of not only our being but our actions. We do not learn the wisdom of Christ's teachings through only study and contemplation: we have to experience them by allowing them to come alive in our circumstances.

The psalmist writes - "Make me know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths." We read that God does indeed lead the humble in what is right and "teaches the humble his way."

In his excellent book on humility, Andrew Murray (1828-1917) wrote that humility is a habit that "prepares the soul for living on trust." The desire to embrace humility allows for a strengthening of faith, and a receptivity to the fullness of the spirit of Jesus.

Humility then is not optional: it is something that is expected of us as Christians. As Jesus taught in his life, death and resurrection, we are to walk towards dying to ourselves, our egos, our desires, our plans even and what we materially hold onto. It is only by grace that we can free ourselves from ourselves.

Having begun Lent with ashes, we are already reminded to take each day as an opportunity to be humble.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

GENESIS 9.8-15

PSALM 25

1 PETER 3.18-22

MARK 1.12-15

## LONG WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

### STAY WITH US... BOOK LAUNCH

Join Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, as he presents the Resurrection of Jesus through a reading of the four Gospels, but not so much as narrated or told in scripture, but proclaimed anew in our day!

*"The dynamic reflection of resurrection found in Thomas Rosica's "Stay with Us.." breathes the living spirit of the gospels themselves: vivid, powerful, inspiring. Here is an informed and illuminating probe into the diverse beauty of the gospel account and their meaning for our Christian life and mission today."*

— Donald Senior, C.P.

The book launch takes place on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**, from 7:00–9:00PM here at St. Basil's in Marcina Hall.

RSVP by calling (416) 363-3303 x. 223 or email [matthew.sottile@novalis.ca](mailto:matthew.sottile@novalis.ca) by March 1st to reserve your seat!

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## BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **March 10-11**. We accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. We don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. We donate the goods to families in need, exchange them for vouchers to help the needy, or sell them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers, at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

## RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

Next **Sunday, February 25**, we will be celebrating the Rite of Election during the 10:30am Mass. This liturgical rite is the second step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), closing the period of the catechumenate. During the rite, all unbaptized will inscribe their name as a pledge of fidelity to the Church. Each name will then be read out at the later celebration for our entire region at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

In light of this special occasion, we will have a coffee hour for the elect following the Mass. This will be a great opportunity for you to welcome and encourage these individuals as they move closer to their full initiation this Easter.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 11, 2018 \$ 5,038.30



## MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> — 24<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Leonardo Escobar (+)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm David Robert Weiner (+)

4:30pm

### MONDAY

*Family Day (Parish office closed)*

9:00am Carla Tamburri (+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Anne Mauro (liv.)

12:10pm Wendy Dolan (+), Kathleen and John Angus (+,+)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Andrea Barrack (liv.)

12:10pm *Vocations*

### THURSDAY

7:30am

12:10pm James Robert Crelly (+)

### FRIDAY

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

12:10pm Margaret & Leonard Lawson (+)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Winnie Cox (+)

**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, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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