

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

## 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

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## LIVING THE VOWS

*By Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB*

This weekend on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life, during which we remember and pray for sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. We are blessed in our parish to have members representing various religious communities including the Loretto Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph, Xaviere Sisters, Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and the Basilian Fathers. My apologies for anyone I missed.

This August 14th will make 15 years since I became a member of the Basilian Fathers by professing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Included in those vows was the resolve to "give myself with my whole heart to this religious community, so that by the grace of the Holy Spirit

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and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I may seek perfect charity in the service of God and the Church". For us Basilians, that service involves a commitment to education and evangelization.

While consecrated women and men typically make a public profession of the vows, also known as the "evangelical counsels", Francis J. Moloney, SDB in *A Life of Promise* claims that "the call to poverty, chastity, and obedience ... stands at the heart of any form of life which claims to be modelled upon the life-style of the poor, chaste, and obedient Jesus of Nazareth" (15). That is, all the baptized—no matter their vocation—are called to a poor, chaste, and obedient way of life as a way of following Christ as presented in the Gospels. I invite you to consider whether you agree with Moloney's claim.

While poverty for a consecrated person might involve renouncing the individual ownership of property as I did when I sold my beautiful Audi TT, it could also be understood as a sacrificial sharing of what we have with others—something anyone can do. Chastity (not to be equated with "celibacy") is a virtue, which involves the manner in which one lives one's sexuality depending on one's vocation. For a consecrated person chastity involves remaining celibate. Obedience is that ongoing willingness to open our ears and our hearts to God's call and to respond accordingly.

To live the evangelical counsels definitely requires a lot of grace—whether or not we have made a public profession of the evangelical counsels. Whatever our vocation, let us be united in prayer to help each other live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and may those God is calling to serve as consecrated women and men hear God's voice and respond with generous hearts.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

MALACHI 3.1–4

PSALM 24

HEBREWS 2.10–11, 13B–18

LUKE 2.22–40

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of **February 8/9, 2020** as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community.

For more information and resources on marriage, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

## THE EUCHARIST, BOND OF LOVE

**Susan K. Wood, SCL**, Academic Dean of Regis College, presents "The Eucharist: Bond of Love (*vinculum caritatis*)"

The Constitution on the Liturgy from Vatican II called the Eucharist a "*vinculum caritatis*," "a bond of love" (SC 47). This bond of love is the bond not only between an individual and the risen Lord, but also the bond of love among all those who receive the Eucharist, and is thus inseparable from its ecclesial and social meanings.

This talk explores the relationship between the Eucharist and the bond of charity within the Christian community: it is not a "warm, fuzzy feeling", but has a deep ontological density.

5:15PM, Regis College Chapel  
Regis College  
100 Wellesley St. W.  
February 6, 2020

Visit [www.regiscollege.ca](http://www.regiscollege.ca) to register for the event.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2019 have been mailed out and you should see them in your mailboxes this week. Kindly inform our office manager, Margaret, if you have questions about your receipt.

## SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 26, 2020 \$5,881.75



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

### SUNDAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00am Tamara Tumidjski (+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Antonietta Ciavarella (+)  
4:30pm Hans Brenninkmeyer (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am *The Mansueta-Sapinoso Family*  
12:10pm Jonathan Atienza (+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Anne Mauro (liv.)  
12:10pm Celia Correa (+)

### WEDNESDAY ST. AGATHA

7:30am *The Thalheimer Family*  
12:10pm Sheila McPherson (+)

### THURSDAY ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

7:30am  
12:10pm

### FRIDAY

7:30am Aris Galano (+)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Henry Korhonen (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Raffaele Amoroso, 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, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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