

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

ORDINARY TIME VII

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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
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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

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PARISH STAFF

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A RADICAL CHOICE

By Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB

An article (Nov. 12, 2017) in the online version of *The Globe and Mail* describes how Wilma and Cliff Derksen handled the death of their daughter Candace who was murdered in the mid-1980s in Manitoba. A darkness faced them: "an abyss of sadness and anger that could swallow a person and take away everything they loved, that would spread until it destroyed all that was beautiful". They had lost their daughter but they were determined not to lose everything else, so they made the radical choice to forgive the murderer of Candace. It was a choice rooted in their Mennonite faith. It was not something that they did once and moved on; they had to choose forgiveness over and over again as a way of living.

Last month, Christina Haugan offered forgiveness in court to the truck driver who pleaded

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!

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guilty to several counts of dangerous driving causing multiple deaths in the collision with the bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos. Christina's husband, Darcy, was among those who died. Like the Derksens, she had the courage and strength to choose the radical option of forgiveness as a way towards healing. It is probably one of Jesus' most difficult teachings.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. . . . Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6.27-28, 37). To forgive those who have offended us or have hurt us or someone we love is part of our fulfilling Jesus' commandment to love others as he has loved us. It is part of acknowledging the dignity of every human being even those who have committed heinous crimes.

Forgiveness is something that might not be easy for us to offer, yet it is something that God never tires of offering us. May our experience of being forgiven by God and the examples of people like the Derksens and Christina Haugan help us to find within ourselves the ability to make the radical choice of forgiveness each day.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- 1 SAMUEL 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25
- PSALM 103
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15.45-49
- LUKE 6.27-38

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce, or death of a loved one. This program provides counselling, opportunity for reflection and spiritual guidance as part of the healing journey through live-in retreat weekends, monthly renewal meetings and parish support groups. It is a ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered the loss of a loved one (through death, separation, or divorce) make a NEW BEGINNING in life.

If you are interested in being a part of the New Beginnings group, please call Alex at (416) 921-1163 X.2230 for more information.

**BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY:
NEXT WEEKEND**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, next weekend, **March 2 and 3.**

They accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. They don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul donates the goods to families in need, exchanges them for vouchers to help the needy, or sells 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 be sure to tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you in advance for your kind support for those who need it most.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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:

- **March 13** Jesus' ministry and teaching (*rescheduled from February 6*)
- **April 3** The passion narrative and the Risen Jesus

Sessions take place from 7PM-8:30PM in Ardèche 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 6. Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

**7:30am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm (University Liturgy),
5:10pm, 7:00pm**

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

March 2/3 is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, we are in most in need of:

- Juice (Self stable)
- Jam
- Canned tomato sauce / Pasta
- Lemon juice
- Cake mix
- Cookies
- Apple sauce
- Parmesan cheese
- Granola
- Canned tuna
- Soya sauce

If you are able and willing to volunteer in the outreach ministries, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

READERS GROUP

Over Lent, the St. Basil's Readers Group will be reading *Seven Last Words by James Martin, SJ*. All are welcome to join for an opening talk on **March 8th, at 6:00PM** (following the Stations of the Cross) in Ardèche Hall. The book is a meditation on the seven last phrases Jesus spoke from the cross. The book shows how each phrase reveals how much Jesus participated in our human condition, and how each saying can help you feel close to Jesus.

If you would like to join the Readers Group, or order a copy of the book, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 17, 2019 \$ 4,800.90



MASS INTENTIONS

FEB 24TH – MAR 2ND

SUNDAY

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Milagras Alacapa (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Maria Valente (+)
4:30pm Chinnamma John (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Catarina and Manuel Cachopo (+,+)
12:10pm John Vidovish (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Katrina Teh (liv.), Ann Lanio (liv.),
Jennifer Ann Menezes(+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Leo Rubino (liv.)
12:10pm Margaret Dolan (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Charles Grieco (+)
12:10pm Wendy and Liam Dolan (+,+), Cosmo
Lombardini (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Juanita Ramirez Honrado (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Donna Wood, Jose Gaitero, Ed Brash, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Helen Tilston, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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