

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

ORDINARY TIME VIII

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am-1:30pm

Sunday 8:15am-1:15pm

SUNDAY MASSES

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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.

Students, Faculty, and Staff of the University of Toronto, are required to complete the screening via the University's U-Check tool. Parishioners who are not students, faculty, or staff of the University of Toronto, must use the visitor attestation form available in the narthex.

PARISH STAFF

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER

Our Gospel reading reminds us the frivolity of our pursuits – we are often led down a misguided path, attempting to find satisfaction in naming our dissatisfactions with others. How easy is it to find the faults of others while ignoring our own? We often do this because we think we may be helping, and even Jesus recognizes this: “first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to *take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.*” (Luke 6.42b)

Jesus reminds us that our faults can be, and often are, much larger than others'. There is quite a difference between a speck and a log! (*In other translations you'll even see 'beam'.*) What I think Jesus is attempting to infer that it is the hypocrisy, in fact, that increases the fault in our sight. How much pain must we overcome caused by our own faults to speak on someone else's? How can we overlook ourselves to correct others?

Jesus uses these examples to call us to a deeper thought – to reflect on what it means to have our



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own faults, and to recognize other's faults. It is through this recognition of one another that we find communion. How different would the parable be if we first went through the difficult task of removing the log from our eye in order to help someone with only a speck in theirs? What a discomfort for someone else's minor annoyance.

As we enter the Lenten season this week, we should reflect on our traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Specifically, in what ways do our actions support those living in poverty? In what ways does our inaction further their suffering?

We are called to serve others as Christ served us. This is how our Gospel reading ends! "Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good [...] for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks." (Luke 6.45) Jesus reminds us that our actions speak louder than our words. It is in serving others that we are able to show the greatest witness to one another.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the parish outreach ministries, please contact veronica.courtois@utoronto.ca.

There is a special 2nd collection this weekend for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in volunteering with the society of St. Vincent de Paul, please contact michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

This weekend our second collection is for the parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. Being one of the most active conferences in the city, this dedicated group of volunteers has been providing support to vulnerable individuals in our neighbourhood throughout the pandemic. They have only seen the need grow during this time.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 2nd. Mass, including the imposition of ashes, will be celebrated that day at the following times:

7:30am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm

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>

Join together on Saturday, March 12 as Dr. Donald Graham, Assistant Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, leads the group 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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

March 25-27
Virtual event hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (wwme.org)

Where are you in your marriage journey? Every marriage could use a boost! Learn easy-to-use communication tools to help enhance your relationship. The proven program will guide you through practical and private exercises to refresh your wedding vows and to spark up your romance. Based on Catholic values, but married couples of all faiths are welcome. Are you ready to rediscover each other? For more information, contact Gerard and Marge at (905) 792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com

UPDATES TO WORSHIP PRACTICES

Due to the lifting of government restrictions, beginning Tuesday, March 1st, we will resume the practice of processions for communion (including distribution of the ashes on Ash Wednesday). Congregants will be invited to come up through the centre aisle, and then return to their pew back down through the side aisles.

Additionally, we will be reserving a section of the church for those who wish to remain socially distanced from others.

LENTEN RESOURCES

www.stbasiltoronto.org/lent

A new parish Lenten portal is now online! There you will find links to the Little Black Books, numerous retreats and prayer opportunities, as well as online events and resources.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

You are invited to drop by Friday afternoons in Lent for Stations of the Cross. Unlike previous years, there is no set time, but there will be a variety of booklets available to borrow for use while praying, including favourites such as Eco-Stations of the Cross.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers to prepared an extra special meal for our Outreach Programs last weekend.

Your contributions to our most recent bake sale also allow us to be able to mark the beginning of Lent with a special pancake lunch for patrons on March 1st.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION:

This Weekend: SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



MASS INTENTIONS

FEB 27TH – MAR 5TH

SUNDAY 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (✠,✠)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Brian Danter (✠)
4:30pm Mr. and Mrs. James Collins (✠,✠)

MONDAY

7:30am Roberto Moniz (✠)
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✠,✠)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm William Hoover (✠)

WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30am *Pro Populo*
12:10pm Sr. Maureen Baldwin (✠)
1:30, 5:10, 7:00pm *Pro Populo*

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Frankie Leung (✠), Anna, Antonietta,
and Franca Scoppio (✠,✠,✠)

FRIDAY

7:30am *Vocations*
12:10pm Ronald and Suzanne Riopel (✠,✠)

SATURDAY

5:00pm *All families*

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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