Ordinary Time – V CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



FEBRUARY 9. 2020

50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto M5S 1J4 www.stbasiltoronto.org | 416-926-7110 Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00am - 1:00pm, 3:00pm - 7:30pm|Fri 9:00am - 1:00pm Sat 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

SUNDAY MASSES 5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

BASIL'S

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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 vour visit.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: **Associate Pastor:** Deacon: Office Manager: Director of Music: Associate Organist: Director of Community Engagement: Michael Pirri Coordinator of Social Justice: **Director of Family Ministries:** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Kevin Kelly, SJ Margaret D'Elia Dr. John Paul Farahat Stefani Bedin Veronica Courtois Marilena Berardinelli Mariann Dunsmore

What does it mean for us TO BE LIGHT?

By Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. As we blessed the candles that we use in Church and at home we were reminded that Jesus is the light of the World. This weekend Jesus speaking to his disciples and to the Church, the Body of Christ, "You are the light of the world, ...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." What does it mean for us to be light?

Isaiah tells us, "...to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly... If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the



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speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday".

The light of compassion and mercy that may be as source of healing, hope and liberation for some, may also be a challenge and judgment on others. For the light may also reveal what causes the darkness. Dom Hélder Câmara (1909-1999), Archbishop of Olinda and Recife in Brazil, an advocate for the poor and oppressed said, "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist".

Over the centuries many individual Christians and the Church, herself, have been worthy witnesses to Christ's care and concern for those who suffer and they are models of God's love and mercy as they feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless and educate men and women so that they can live happy and productive lives. Others at times have spoken out against the injustices, suffering and hurt caused by prejudice, economic systems, governments.

As we reflect on this week's readings let us consider how we have been light to others and how others have been light to us. Let us pray that we be sensitive to the needs of others and work together to find the causes and cures for injustice in our society and the world in which we live.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 58.6-10 Psalm 112 1 Corinthians 2.1-5 Matthew 5.13-16

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

Presented by Medieval Chant specialist Katherine Hill, the final session of the workshop series takes place Monday, February 10 at 7PM in the Decker Room. For more information, please contact Rob Bedolfe at (416) 231-5504.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE Encounter Weekend

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend:

April 24-26, 2020 Four Points Sheraton, Mississauga, ON

For more information and application, please go to <u>www.wwme.org</u> or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

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.

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.

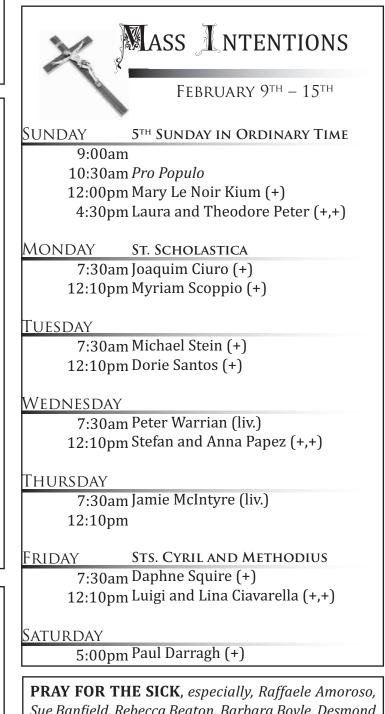
CWSA WELCOMES PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 2, 2020 \$4,909



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.



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