



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

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS	Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Lauds	Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

DIALOGUE

By Michael Pirri

"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him."

Matthew 3.16

Just before the point where today's Gospel begins, John the Baptist remarks that he baptizes 'for repentance'. Christ, a man with no sin, shows great humility in approaching John in the river. It is a sign that he is fully human – just like us, he encounters the Holy Spirit at baptism.

Most of us are fortunate that we are able to receive the sacrament of baptism as infants; this initial encounter not only marks our cleansing from original sin, but we are also sealed with the chrism by having the sign of the cross made on our foreheads. If baptism is the first encounter with Christ, how are we meant to build upon this foundation? How do we foster relationships with people in our lives?

Communication is the cornerstone to all great relationships. With friends and family, we can see the fruits of frequent communication borne out. Equally important is an *efficiency* in communication; a healthy dialogue involves both actively listening and participating. It is no wonder that these are also the words used when discussing how the faithful ought to participate in the Mass: "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people, is their right and duty by reason of their baptism." (Sacrosanctum Concilium n.14)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 42.1-4, 6-7 PSALM 29 ACTS 10.34-38 MATTHEW 3.13-17

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is here made central to the very being of the Church and to its mission and witness.

They showed us unusual kindness (Acts 28.2) Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 7:00PM

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge St. Toronto

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

Presented by Medieval Chant specialist Katherine Hill. This workshop series is in two sessions, and will focus on building skills for singing of the Liturgy of the Hours in a community setting.

Monday January 13 & 20, 2020 7:00PM in Ardèche Hall St. Basil's Church 50 St. Joseph Street

For more information or to register, please contact Rob Bedolfe at (416) 231-5504

Vespers (evening prayer) is celebrated Monday through Friday at 5:10PM;

Lauds (morning prayer) is celebrated Saturdays at 9:00AM

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

December 25, 2019 \$10,824.40

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD OFFERTORY

January 1, 2020 \$3,271.98

THE STORY OF THE LITURGY AS TOLD BY ITS MUSIC

Musical gems from antiquity to the present day have much to tell us about the Church's worship across the centuries. This seminar is an opportunity to listen to the music of different ages, with a brief commentary on each historical period. The overview provides some interesting insights into the use of music in Catholic worship. Enrolment is limited, preregistration is required. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included.

Presenter: Fr. John-Mark Missio St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto Saturday, January 25, 2020 9:30AM to 3:00PM Cost: \$50 (includes lunch)

For more information, visit <u>http://www.staugustines.on.ca</u>

Serra Club of Downtown Toronto

The Serra Club of Toronto Downtown welcomes Fr. Scott Birchall, Director of Philosophy Formation (Serra House). Fr. Birchall will provide an update on the restoration plans underway at Serra House and its important role in the journey of those discerning the priesthood.

A light lunch and meeting follow the **12:10 PM Mass on January 15, 2020.** If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office. All are welcome.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 5, 2020 \$6,717.20

MASS INTENTIONS January $12^{\text{th}} - 18^{\text{th}}$ Sunday **BAPTISM OF THE LORD** 9:00am 10:30am Pro Populo 12:00pm Franca and Grazia Carillo (+,+) 4:30pm Angela Sanson (+) Monday 7:30am 12:10pm Monica Gannon (+) TUESDAY 7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (+) 12:10pm Michel Seas (+) Wednesday 9:00am 12:00pm Vocations THURSDAY 7:30am 12:10pm Friday **ST. ANTHONY** 7:30am 12:10pm Frances, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+) Saturday 5:00pm Daniel Pollock (+) **PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Gemma Ciavarella, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine

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PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

