

CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm Sat 9:00 am - 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

#### 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

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

**ADORATION** 

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 your visit.



#### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Associate Pastor: Deacon: James Sand, SJ Margaret D'Elia Office Manager: Director of Music: I.P. Farahat Assistant Organist: Stefani Bedin Director of Community Engagement: Michael Pirri Coordinator of Social Justice: Veronica Courtois Director of Family Ministries: Marilena Berardinelli Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Mariann Dunsmore R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Trevor Rainwater, SJ

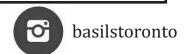
#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

By Marilena Berardinelli

Today the church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus and concludes the Christmas Season. Contrary to mainstream culture, who has long since placed their Christmas trees at the curb and are now eying the Valentine's Day treats and gifts already displayed on store shelves, the Christian community has for the last twenty days celebrated the mystery of Christ's coming in the world. For the last three weeks we have lived in the hope and joy of the Incarnation.

The placement of the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus at the end of Christmas Season emphasizes the biblical narrative begun on Christmas Eve. The Word became flesh as a fragile baby not a powerful king; born in the smallest of Israel's cities not the grandeur of Jerusalem and grew-up not with kingly







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wealth, but in the poverty of the insignificant village of Nazareth. For thirty years Jesus lived in obscurity and his introduction to public ministry was made not with fanfare, but among the sinners seeking John's baptism of repentance.

The gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism reaffirm that this Jesus, who shares fully in our human condition, is also fully God: "You are my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Therefore, when we are baptized the beginning of this same divine life is sown in us. The Baptism of the Lord bookends the feast of the first incarnation and propels us to ponder Jesus' second incarnation, when that Word assumes the mystical body – us. Christ in us, is the vehicle by which God continues to transform the world.

At St. Basil's we celebrate about 40 baptisms a year within our Sunday liturgies. It is easy to become a bystander in these celebrations. Perhaps however, we can see in each of these baptisms an opportunity to examine how we are nurturing the divine life within us. How are we cooperating with God's desire to break into the world each day, again and again? How are we, the mystical body of Christ, exercising our gifts, talents and charisms to engage and realize God's mission in the world?

Christ has no body here on earth but yours;
No hands, but yours.
No feet, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks with compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which
Christ goes about doing good in the world.
Yours are the hands with which
Christ blesses the people of the world.

(Saint Teresa of Avila)

## **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

ISAIAH 50.1-5,9-11 PSALM 104 TITUS 2.11-14; 3.4-7 LUKE 3.15-16, 21-22

#### **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.

Representatives from New Beginnings will speak next weekend following all the Masses about the work of the ministry in Toronto. The first session begins on **Wednesday**, **February 27**, at **7PM** here at St. Basil's.

#### **ESTATE PLANNING SESSION**

Our parish, together with the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will be hosting a Catholic Estate Planning Seminar on **Sunday**, **January 27, 2019 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm** in Ardèche Hall. An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Light snacks will be served.

Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will.
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected.
- About Powers of Attorney.
- Estate Trustee selection.
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors.
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funerals.

Good estate planning ensures that your family is cared for should something happen to you, and that your assets will go where you want it to. Please consider attending this seminar. Contact Michael for more information (416) 926-7110 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

#### Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)

December 2018 \$9,055.49

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

"Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue"
-Deuteronomy 16.20

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.

All are invited to join together for an ecumenical prayer service led by Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox bishops along with Leaders from Christian Church in the GTA.

The prayer service is on **Sunday**, **January 27**, **2019** at **4**:**30PM** at St. James Anglican Cathedral (at King and Church Streets). Refreshments to follow.

For more information, please contact The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at <a href="mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org">ecumenical@archtoronto.org</a>

#### SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto invites all parishioners to a luncheon talk on Wednesday, **January 16, 2019** following the 12:10PM Mass. The guest speaker will be Ben Turland, a team leader with the Catholic Christian Outreach, a university student movement dedicated to evangelization.

The ministry is active in several Canadian universities and challenges students to live out fully their Catholic faith as well as to take on leadership roles in their communities.

The lunch and talk will take place immediately after the 12:10 mass, in Macrina Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish office at (416) 926-7110 for catering purposes. All are welcome!

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 6, 2019 \$7,242.00



#### Sunday

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00am Protection of unborn children

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Monica Gannon (+)

4:30pm Jean Choi-Doo (+)

#### Monday

7:30am

12:10pm Margaret, Leonard and Mary Lawson (+,+, liv.)

#### TUESDAY

7:30am

12:00pm Angela Bonfanti (+), Bernadina Toso (+)

#### Wednesday

7:30am Darlene Veltri (+)

12:10pm Vocations

#### THURSDAY ST. ANTHONY

7:30am

12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

#### Friday

7:30am Tracila Pinto (+), Belarmino Viegas (+)

12:10pm Claudette Kneider (+)

#### Saturday

5:00pm Angela Mary McDowell DeDecker(+)

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, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Donna Wood, Ed Brash, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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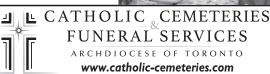
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