

JANUARY 6, 2019

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

AND YOU ARE NEVER THE SAME

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates a human encounter with the Divine. It reminds us that once such an encounter has occurred it is impossible to return to the way things were before. The original course of events has been altered forever.

The Magi, being from the East, would not have considered the Christ child to be their Messiah. However, they knew that the appearance of this new star in the sky meant the King of the Jews had been born and wanted to pay the new King homage. Once they arrived at the home of the Holy Family we are told, "they were overwhelmed with joy." They witness the Divine in human form and are transformed and humbled.

In the Atrium when we share this story with the children we will sometimes ask, "Do you think the Magi kept what they saw and knew to themselves? Or did they share it with others?" Quite often the children will respond, "They told everyone." There is nothing more humbling than the knowledge that the one who gave His life for us will always love us.

It seems so simple, but it is so difficult as humans to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the presence of Christ in our lives. Sometimes there are big moments where the presence of God is everywhere. For myself, the Feast of the Epiphany is also my wedding anniversary. A year today my husband and I vowed to love and honour each other all the days of our lives. Our vows to each other were an encounter with God, where we invite Him into our marriage and lives. And although we exited St. Basil's that day from the same doors, we did not leave the same way we had come in.

Of course, that is a very specific day at a very specific moment in time. The challenge is to keep the Feast of the Epiphany present in the ordinary days. What happens after we receive the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist? We are called to go out into the world, perhaps by another road, and bring Christ to others. Just as the Magi brought their

experience of seeing the newborn King to their people. We may take the opportunity to feed the hungry, help a stranger, or listen to the lonely. And, who knows, in that moment you may encounter the Divine all over again. And the joy of the Epiphany continues.

READINGS:

ISAIAH 60.1-6

PSALM 72

EPHESIANS 3.2-3A, 5-6

MATTHEW 2.1-12

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of Altar Servers who are able to serve at the Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 4:30PM Masses on a regular basis. Women and men who are interested are invited to contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY:

\$12,060.20

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As the new year has begun, our Parish Office is looking to ensure that information is properly recorded in our system. If you had moved in 2018, please confirm your new address with the Parish Office so that you will receive the donation receipt at the correct address. If you have not yet picked up your envelope box for 2019, please visit the parish office.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Join the universal prayer of the Church

Vespers (evening prayer) is prayed on weekdays at 5:10PM; **Lauds** (morning prayer) is prayed every Saturday at 9:00AM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend some quiet time with the Lord

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Solemn exposition and benediction take place on the first Friday of the month, following the 12:10pm Mass.

COLLECTING: RELIGIOUS THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd team is collecting religious themed Christmas cards for use in our children's program. Rather than recycling the Christmas greetings you received this year, please consider donating the used cards to our program. Since we simply need the religious drawing at the front of the card, feel free to cut away the back cover.

Cards can be left at the Parish Office. Used religious themed Christmas cards will be accepted until Sunday January 13.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

\$9,260.40



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 6TH – 12TH

SUNDAY

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00am Paul Ritchie (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Brian Cutt
4:30pm Artur Brzezinski (liv.)

MONDAY

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

7:30am *Holy Souls*
12:10pm Neil and Hilary McCormack (liv.)

TUESDAY

9:00am Paddy Morgan and Family
12:00pm Katrina Teh (liv.), Dorie Santos (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Soão Rebelo (+)
12:10pm Jacinto Russo (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Luigi Ciavarella (+), José Vinas (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Rev. Andrew Leung, CSB, and the
Basilian Fathers

SATURDAY

5:00pm John J. Kenney (+)

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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