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## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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## WEEKDAY MASSES

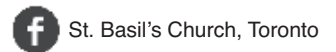
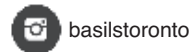
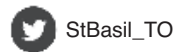
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## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am

## ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm



'Adoration,' Sir E. Burns-Jones (1888-1894)

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## GOD'S SELF-REVELATION

By Emily VanBerkum

The jubilation of Christmas Day does not end on December 25. In fact, so often, in the hustle and bustle of vacation plans, family gatherings, and boxing week shopping, we neglect to observe the entirety of the infancy narrative as it continues to unfold in Christmastide and the beginning of a new calendar year.

Today, we continue celebrating Jesus' birth alongside the 'wise men from the East' who followed a bright star to the manger where He was born. When I was a child, my parents allowed me the coveted role of adding the wise men to our family's nativity scene when we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany.

I remember staring at these elaborately painted wooden figures and letting my imagination soar. I would imagine the brilliant star in the sky, three men dressed in exotic robes, riding on camels through the uninhabited desert, with treasure chests of gifts fit for a king. This scene seemed totally normal to me. Eventually as I got older (and wiser myself), it dawned on me how completely out of place the wise men must have felt and how this scene was anything but 'normal.' I wondered what they thought when this star stopped above a humble manger only to see a small, dependent child be claimed by God as the 'King of Kings.' I pondered how their generous gifts befitting of royalty would be received by poor, virtually unknown refugees like Mary and Joseph on behalf of their new son?

The Feast of the Epiphany causes us to reflect on the awesomeness of the mystery of the incarnation. Jesus' divine sonship was revealed to three people who traveled a great distance to pay Him homage- and discovered Jesus not in a palace but in a manger. So often (both biblically and in our own lives), God inverses our expectations. In the Christian story, God's reversal of human expectation reaches its climax through Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Yet, God so lovingly paves the way for us to encounter Jesus on the cross by first divinely ordaining Jesus' breaking into human history as a King in a most unkingly way.

What does this action tell us about our God?

*Sunday's Readings:*

*Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12*

## ST. BASIL'S BIDS FAREWELL TO LEANNA

Our community bids farewell to our former Social & Community Coordinator, Leanna Cappiello. Beginning on January 9, Leanna will begin full-time employment at World Vision Canada as a member of the writing staff.

Leanna will remain a parishioner of St. Basil's and you will certainly see her from time to time at Mass or other social events.

We wish Leanna the very best in her new endeavour. Please join the pastoral staff in congratulating her and offering her your thanks for her service to our community and well wishes as she embarks on a new chapter of her life.

## CALLING ALL 6-9 YEAR OLDS

We are now accepting registration for children ages 6-9 interested in participating in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. **The program begins Sunday, January 22 from 11:40-1:00pm and includes the children's participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist (during the 12:00pm Mass).**

For more information or to register your child please contact the program coordinator: Mariann Dunsmore at [cgsMariann@gmail.com](mailto:cgsMariann@gmail.com).

## CONSTRUCTION CHANGES FOR THE WEEK

We are planning to remove the main organ pipes this next week. While the church will remain open, we are going to ask that anyone wanting to enter come through the parish office entrance in Odette Hall.

The main doors will be closed in order to keep the main area around the loft free from traffic. This will be the only week we are required to close the main doors until we put the pipes back in just before Holy Week.

Thank you for your understanding!

## EASTERN ORIENTAL MASS

Many years ago, University Chancellor George Ignatieff and Chaplain Fr. David Belden, both Eastern Orthodox, supported and encouraged establishing a University Oriental Catholic chaplaincy. This expression of the Faith shares common ancient faith traditions with one third billion oriental Christians in the Holy Land, the East beyond Western Europe, and now in Canada and around God's good earth.

St. Basil's has hosted this presence for several years now. In joyful prayer, praise and song, parishioners and visitors celebrate Eucharistic Divine Liturgy to show our love for God and God's people and all creation.

"As Oriental or Eastern Catholics we pray for the fullness of fellowship between Roman Catholic sisters and brothers with whom we are in full communion and fellow easterners with whom we wish to restore the oneness God wills for all of us," says Fr. Eugene Morishita-Miki, Celebrant of the Liturgy.

Fr. Eugene will celebrate the next Eastern Oriental Catholic Mass on **January 8 at 2:00pm**.

***Following this weekend, the Mass will be reverting to 1st Sundays in subsequent months. For example, the next Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00pm in the church proper.***

## SERRA CLUB GATHERING

You are invited to join Emily VanBerkum, our parish's Sacramental and Liturgical Coordinator, for lunch and a discussion on the role of a Pastoral Associate on **Wednesday, January 18 beginning immediately after the 12:10pm Mass.**

The short presentation and discussion will take place in the Senior Common Room (accessed through the west exit of St. Basil's through Scollard Park). Please RSVP to the parish office so that we may order you a lunch.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 1, 2017 \$9,135.05



## MASS INTENTIONS

January 8th - 14th

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Fr. Ken Decker (+) Pro Populo Hermina Sertic (+) Paolo Scoppio (+)
<b>Monday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> David & Maria Myung (liv.) Bruce & Nada Dancy (liv.), Joseph & Mary Troncone (liv.)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Luigi Ciavarella (+) & Michael Calderone (+)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Suzanne Williams (+) Griffin Keeley (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys</b> Louise Harding (+) & Thomas Boyle (+)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Elizabeth Chien (+) Monica Gannon (+)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm-	Rolando and Christian Reventar (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, and Hai Luen Liu.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Anita Lee, and Thomas Aquinas Boyle.

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