

MARCH 1, 2020

LENT I

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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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



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## 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

## 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

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**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!**

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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

**SACRED READING:  
A GUIDED LENTEN MEDITATION ON  
SCRIPTURE**

This Lent, you are invited to reflect on Scripture and engage prayerfully with the text through a guided Ignatian-style meditation. The first session, hosted on **Tuesday, March 10** at 7:00pm in Macrina Hall, will focus on Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (the Gospel reading for the third week of Lent). All are most welcome to attend - no registration is required.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

On the weekend of **March 7/8**, St. Basil's will have a second collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul as a way to provide extra support for the spring and summer months when resources grow slim. It will replace the Community Capital Restoration Fund collection for March. Your generosity provides food, clothing, and other key supplies to hundreds of the neediest households in our parish. We help women survivors of abuse, people with mental and physical challenges, single parents and children, students, new Canadians, and others.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

**THURSDAYS: SUNG VESPERS**

All are invited to join as we celebrate sung Vespers, led by two cantors and organ, on **Thursdays in Lent** from February 27 to April 2, at 5:10PM following Adoration. We hope that you will join us in the sanctuary for this prayerful experience. The office of Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours.

**FRIDAYS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers, at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

**SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:**

Sunday, February 23, 2020 \$5,717.20



**MASS INTENTIONS**

MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>

**SUNDAY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00am Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Kerwin (+,+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Angyalka and Geza Komlos (+,+)  
4:30pm *Souls in Purgatory*

**MONDAY**

7:30am Allan Roxas (+)  
12:10pm Pot Flood (+)

**TUESDAY**

7:30am  
12:10pm *Basilian Fathers (Living and Deceased)*

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30am The Thalheimer Family  
12:10pm Alicia Molina (+)

**THURSDAY**

7:30am Roland and Evelyn Mathieu (+,+)  
12:10pm The Knowlton and O'Connel Families

**FRIDAY**

7:30am Lucila Gonzalez Auñon (+)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

**SATURDAY**

5:00pm John Kirby

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delores Russo, Delaila Salvador, Ralph Smialek, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.**

## TEMPTATION

*By Trevor Rainwater, SJ*

All three of our readings revolve around temptation – giving into and not giving into temptation. Our First Reading tells the story of the “Fall of Humanity,” through which Adam and Eve gave into temptation and ate from the tree from which they were told not to eat. Our Second Reading from Romans explains how we understand sin and its connection to death, yet provides hope through Jesus. The Gospel provides the three-fold temptations of Jesus and how NOT to give into temptation.

On Wednesday, we began our journey through Lent, which for those in the RCIA program, is the season when everything “ramps up.” The RCIA program of discernment and gaining deeper knowledge about the Roman Catholic faith begun in October comes to an end in the next six weeks. The Gospels during the Scrutinies of Lent (March 14, 22, and 29) speak to the Elect (those unbaptized) as a means of uncovering and healing some of the weaknesses and sins of the Elect. Through these Scrutinies, the goal is for the Elect to have a grace-filled encounter of the healing power of the Holy Spirit, which will be fully realized at the Easter Vigil.

While the Scrutinies focus on the Elect and are still a few weeks away, their message is for all of us. We are called at the beginning of Lent to examine how and where in our lives, we have been tempted and have fallen into sin. By examining “what we have done and in what we have failed to do,” our goal is to try to avoid future temptations. By recognizing these potential pitfalls, we can then “grow in the understanding of the riches hidden in Christ” (Collect, 1st Sunday of Lent).

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

GENESIS 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7  
PSALM 51  
ROMANS 5.12-19  
MATTHEW 4.1-11

## JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

**March 7/8** is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, please note we cannot accept items which are opened or not in their original packaging.

We are in most in need of:

- Canned tuna, salmon
- Canned corn ( Whole, cream style)
- Cream of chicken, mushroom or celery soup
- Canned tomatoes
- Dry lentils, split peas
- Rice
- Vinegar
- Mayo
- Flour, baking soda
- White sugar, brown sugar
- Quick oats
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Social tea biscuits
- Granola bars
- Tea bags (Orange pekoe, green tea...)

Thank you for your support

## AID TO WOMEN: BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Aid to Women is a Christian charity offering practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. In addition to providing counseling, they provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need. Representatives from Aid to Women will be at the back of the church after each Mass the weekend of **March 7/8**, handing out their baby bottles that contain more information about the campaign. You are asked to return the bottles to the parish with your donation on the weekend of March 28/29. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.


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