

MARCH 13, 2022

LENT II

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am-1:30pm

Sunday 8:15am-1:15pm

## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:**

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TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST

– SAINT DEMIANA MONASTERY, EGYPT

Current parish guidelines require parishioners to complete a self-screening at home before coming to the church, and to keep a log of all visits. The University is requiring that visitors to campus, regardless of the purpose of their visit, must be fully vaccinated (provided they are eligible for vaccination). Exemptions to the vaccine requirement must be approved by the University of Toronto.

Students, Faculty, and Staff of the University of Toronto, are required to complete the screening via the University's U-Check tool. Parishioners who are not students, faculty, or staff of the University of Toronto, must use the visitor attestation form available in the narthex.



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## A DAZZLING TRANSFORMATION

Last Sunday, members of our parish R.C.I.A. program signed the book of the Elect, confirming their intentions in front of the community that they desire baptism and reception of the sacraments.

In today's Gospel, Christ's appearance is changed in front of Peter, John, and James. His clothes become a dazzling white, and for a time, they do not recognize him. The man whom they accompanied to the top of the mountain is the same man they would travel down with, but somehow there is a profound moment of change. Perhaps it is not so much Christ who changed, but their perception of him that did.

This is, in some ways, the opposite of the challenge we face with the sacraments; we cannot see how a person is changed at baptism. They are marked with outward signs: water poured over their head, oil on their forehead, and a white garment to reflect their new life in Christ. We must also remember, that they are *inwardly* changed.

Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian call to serve Christ just as he served us: as priest, prophet, and king. These outward actions are a challenge for the newly baptized just as much as for those who were baptized as infants. Just like Peter, John, and James, we are tempted to remain silent, and resolve ourselves to an inward piety which ultimately serves only ourselves.

Our baptism is a call for us to serve others, not ourselves. In our second reading, we hear "Our citizenship is in heaven"; citizenship comes with rights, but it also comes with obligations. We have an obligation to others, to the Church, to meet and serve others.

The Synod on Synodality begins to tackle the difficulties the Church has at facilitating this moment of encounter. We can no longer afford to be silent like Peter, John, and James. The Church is calling us to a greater reality: to the reality of our communal calling as a baptized people.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we'll be beginning the parish work on the Synod. **There is an opportunity for you to offer your sincere feedback, via the USMC survey.** We'll be using these survey responses as a jumping off point for our listening sessions held in the next few weeks.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

### SUNDAY READINGS

GENESIS 15.5-12, 17-18

PSALM 27

PHILIPPIANS 3.17 - 4.1

LUKE 9.28B-36

## CROSSINGS: A JOURNEY TO EASTER

**March 2 - April 14**

**All Outdoor Art Exhibition**

**Information: [www.crossingstoronto.com](http://www.crossingstoronto.com)**

A contemplative public arts exhibit set across 16 Toronto locations. Visit Crossings' distinctive art works created by Canadian artists specifically to capture the meaning of the Stations of the Cross. This mini-pilgrimage travels between several theological colleges and includes a stop just outside of St. Basil's!

## LENTEN RESOURCES

[www.stbasiltoronto.org/lent](http://www.stbasiltoronto.org/lent)

A new parish Lenten portal is now online! There you will find links to the Little Black Books, numerous retreats and prayer opportunities, as well as online events and resources.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### Fridays in Lent

You are invited to drop by Friday afternoons in Lent for Stations of the Cross. Unlike previous years, there is no set time, but there are a variety of booklets available to borrow for use while praying, including favourites such as Eco-Stations of the Cross.

### SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHAT'S A SYNOD?

A working group has been struck at the University of St. Michael's College to discuss the Synod on Synodality. As we begin this process within the parish, we invite you to fill the USMC survey here: <https://bit.ly/3p7DR5m>.

You're also invited to view our new Synod web page at [www.stbasiltoronto.org/synod](http://www.stbasiltoronto.org/synod) where you'll find a short introductory video about the Synod.

As part of the Synodal work here at St. Basil's, you're also invited to take part in one of two listening sessions. More details are available on the parish synod page.

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am

You can contact [michael.pirri@utoronto.ca](mailto:michael.pirri@utoronto.ca) for more information.

## UPCOMING 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:

March 19-20: EASTER FLOWERS



## MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Eugene Hryeko (✠)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Lolita Russo (✠)  
4:30pm Rolando de Guzman (✠)

### MONDAY

7:30am Lola, Joseph, and Lindsay MacNeil (✠,✠,✠)  
12:10pm George Paslawski (✠)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Anne Marusic (✠)  
12:10pm John Quane (✠), Albert Faville (✠)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adele O'Connell (✠)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### THURSDAY

7:30am Philip Hum (✠)  
12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (✠,✠,✠)

### FRIDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (✠,✠)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Christina Frances McKay (✠)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Steve Chandeller, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Evelyn McGloin, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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