

MARCH 15, 2020

LENT III

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!

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a special 2nd collection on March 21-22 for Easter flowers.

FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY

The Marriage & Family Prayer Ministry invites all those able to attend the **12:10pm Mass on Thursday, March 19, 2020**, the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of families.

A special opportunity for fellowship will follow the Mass in Macrina Hall.

All are invited to attend!

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene:

- Wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly
- Remain home if you are sick
- Sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus. Be assured that the Archdiocese will continue to work with local health officials and keep us updated as appropriate.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 8, 2020 \$5,260,85



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 15TH – 21ST

SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Jim Rothwell (+)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Cecilia Sorianosos (+)

4:30pm Ann Boland and Peter Stephens (+,+)

MONDAY

7:30am Mary Greaney (+)

12:10pm James Robert and Valerie Crilly (+,+)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Francis, Mary and Monica Gannon (+,+,+),
John Quane (+), Ingrid Edmonstone (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Katrina Teh (liv.)

12:10pm *Vocations*

THURSDAY ST. JOSEPH

7:30am Joana Evangelista and William Rydberg (liv.)

12:10pm Roberto Cadag (+), Ching-Yock and Ho-Leung Lo (+), Michael DePinto (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Mary Greaney (+)

12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Thomas MacDonald (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Steve Chandeller, 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, David Martin, 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.

AT THE WELL

By Michael Pirri

This weekend's Gospel reading focuses on Jesus' interaction with a Samaritan woman coming to draw water at Jacob's well. I always wondered how it was that these two should happen to meet, both unaccompanied. It's important to note two aspects that make this interaction so significant.

This is a woman of Samaria, most likely of very low social standing – why else would she be coming unaccompanied to a very deep well in the hot sun of midday (*It was extremely uncommon for women to travel unaccompanied*)? Further, a Samaritan woman, even of very high social standing, would not typically interact with non-Samaritans, like Jesus. How is it that both of these people, who usually travel accompanied, should meet on their own?

The water imagery in this Gospel passage is vivid. The Samaritan woman's thirst is physical, she comes to the well to draw water. A person's physical needs are met through much difficulty: the well is deep. The living water offered by Jesus is like a wellspring, gushing up from the ground. How is it that we, like the Samaritan woman, can encounter Christ and learn to seek out the living water too? This imagery is reinforced in one of the responsorial canticles from the Easter Vigil: "*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation*" (Isaiah 12.3)

In the same way that woman comes to the well to draw water, Jesus comes too. He comes thirsty not only for us and our salvation, but also to supply our needs, to be the wellspring in this Lenten desert.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

EXODUS 17.3-7

PSALM 95

ROMANS 5.1-2, 5-8

JOHN 4.5-42

SERRA CLUB OF DOWNTOWN TORONTO

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto welcomes Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica to speak about the early years of his priesthood. Ordained in 2017, Fr. Matthew will offer a glimpse into life as a priest, the joys and challenges associated with ordained ministry. A light lunch and meeting will follow the **12:10 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 18**. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office.

All are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

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