

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 18

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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

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## LETTING GO

by Michael Pirri

*"...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and it dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [...] Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."*  
**(John 12.24-26)**

This Gospel passage presents a metaphor which is very interesting. Being a grain of wheat is easy; we grow up as one of what seems like infinitely many grains, never really preoccupied

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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with anything other than being a grain. But is that our full potential? Not even close! What's most compelling is what happens to the grain when it falls. Away from its plant, the grain is starved for life — but all is not lost. What is most interesting is the notion that the grain dies. If you're like me, this seems absurd: surely if the grain dies then it wouldn't grow into a new plant. And while this may be the case, Jesus is trying to tell us that we have to leave our preconceived notions behind in order to follow Him, to grow to our full potential. We are reminded of the mustard grain; but we have to trust that we are capable of much more than we realize. For if the grain does not fall from the plant, there it will surely die.

Jesus tell his disciples *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"* (**Matthew 16.24-26**) Here the answer is difficult, but the question for us is straightforward for us — will you leave it all behind?

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

JEREMIAH 31.31-34

PSALM 51

HEBREWS 5.7-9

JOHN 12.20-33

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Redefining Success — How God's definition of success might challenge that of the secular world. All young adults (19-39) are invited to join together for an evening of thought-provoking conversation! Special guest: Kevin Kelly, SJ, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

**7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Duke of York Pub**

**39 Prince Arthur Ave**

*For more information contact  
faithconnections@csj-to.ca*

### SHARELIFE SUNDAY

**Our suggested Parish goal is \$83,000.**

*"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday"*

—Thomas Cardinal Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
Thank you for your generosity.**

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Are you planning to have your child baptized at St. Basil's, or have you been recently asked to serve as a Godparent? Our next baptismal preparation class is **Saturday, March 24, 2018.**

To register for a class or to get more information, please email the Director of Pastoral Ministries, Jessica at [jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca](mailto:jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca)

### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY

**Thank you** for your generous contributions to the March 10/11 Saint Vincent dePaul Bundle Up Weekend. Your donations have helped tremendously.

### TENEBRAE

Join our parish community during Holy Week for **Tenebrae on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00pm.** Latin for shadows or darkness, the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This evening will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher the beginning of the Triduum.

*For more information, contact JP Farahat  
[johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca](mailto:johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca)*

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY

Members of Marriage & Family Prayer Ministry invite you to join them at the **12:10 Mass on March 19, 2018**, the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron. Reception to follow in Macrina Hall.

All are welcome!

## SERRA CLUB

The Downtown Toronto Serra Club invites you to a luncheon talk this coming **Wednesday, March 21, 2018, following the 12:10pm Mass**. The guest speaker will be Bruce Rodrigues, Deputy Minister of Education since 2016.

DM Rodrigues will share with us his extensive involvement in our education system over 30 years, which includes his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAQO) in 2013, as well as being Director of Education for the TCDSB prior to that.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, March 19, 2018.

All are welcome!

## USMC SCHOLA CONCERT

The Musicians In Ordinary voices and strings led by Christopher Verrette with St Michael's Schola Cantorum directed by Michael O'Connor perform Buxtehude's extraordinary cantata cycle on the wounded members of Jesus's body. Composed in the 1680s, Membra Jesu nostri patientis sanctissima comprises seven cantatas that describe the feet, knees, hands, sides, breast, heart, and face of the crucified body of Jesus.

**Saturday, March 24, 7:30PM**  
**St. Basil's Catholic Parish**

*Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.  
Information is available by calling 416-926-7148 or visiting [www.musiciansinordinary.ca](http://www.musiciansinordinary.ca).*

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 11, 2018 \$ 6,901.25



## MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> — 24<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY

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9:00am Fr. Michael Gerry Scott, CSSP (+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Karolina Szymanski (liv.)  
4:30pm Cesar Pamintuan (+)

### MONDAY

ST. JOSEPH

7:30am David Joseph Myung and Family  
12:10pm Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB (liv.)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Eustace Pereira (+)  
12:10pm Katrina Teh (liv.), Fred Fox (+),  
Suzanne Tingle (liv.)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Leokiadia Michalowski (+)  
12:10pm *Vocations*

### THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Yeung Pooh Chu (+)

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Olivia Vaz (liv.)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, Alexander Wu, and Desmond Brownlee.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Kathleen O'Brien.

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