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NOVEMBER 25, 2018

St. Basil's



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Associate Pastor: Deacon: Office Manager: Director of Music: Assistant Organist: Director of Community Engagement: Michael Pirri **Director of Family Ministries:** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: **R.C.I.A.** Coordinator:

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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

HOW R.C.I.A. BROUGHT ME TO SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD

By Kimberley Morton

Today, the Feast of Christ the King marks the end of ordinary time as we head into Advent and on Sunday December 2nd our RCIA catechumens will attend the Rite of Acceptance Mass, their first official action in the Church and in their journey of faith.

I remember when I was approaching this Mass I was very nervous about standing up in front





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of everyone, I was very much still trying to understand what I was seeking. I later realized that what I was doing was putting on the cloak of Jesus so that I could formally begin my journey of faith and joy, the quest for truth that will bring me one day to the Kingdom of God.

St John Cassian tells us 'the objective of our life is the Kingdom of God' and the innermost meaning of the entire Old Testament is summed up in the expression of the 'Kingdom of God' and it remains a major key of understanding of the whole of Jesus' message.

Pope Pius XI in Quad Primas, (1924), tells us, "...when the populace thronged around Jesus in admiration and would have acclaimed him King, he shrank from the honour and sought safety in flight. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his Kingdom was not of this world. The gospels present this Kingdom as one which men and women prepare to enter by penance and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which though an external rite, signifies and produces interior regeneration." Our RCIA catechumens are on their own paths of regeneration and truth toward the Kingdom of God.

My journey, like yours, has many twists and turns and ups and downs but I embrace the words of St Paul when he tells us "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Daniel 7.13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1.5-8 John 18.33b-37

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations last weekend in support of the Christmas Lunch for the St. Basil's Outreach Ministries.

In total, we raised an additional \$1,865 which will go a very long way towards making this a special time of year for our patrons.

John Ford First Sunday Food Drive

December 1/2 is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, we are in most in need of:

- Canned Fruits
- Canned Beans
- Canned Tuna, Salmon
- Mayonnaise and Mustard
- Non Chocolate Cookies
- Family-size Juices
- Fruit Cups
- Cake Mix
- Granola Bars
- Oil, Vinegar
- Vegetable Stock
- Tea
- Sugar
- Salt, Montréal Steak spice, Garlic Powder

Please consider volunteering your time in one of our Outreach Ministries. If you are able and willing, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

-Michael

THE LITURGY CORNER

Today's feast day marks the end of the Liturgical Year, with year C beginning on the first Sunday of Advent. Advent's colour is purple, signifying a period of intense preparation, not only for Christmas, but for the day when Christ comes again!

In Paradisum

Join us this **Friday**, **November 30th**, **at 7:30PM** as we commemorate the close of the Month of Remembrance.

We invite you to join us for a special meditative evening of readings, hymns, and choral music. We hope to see you there!

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Reminder

Over the last few weeks, there has been an increase in attempted thefts. Please be mindful of your belongings while in the church.

If you notice anything suspicious, please visit the parish office to make us aware of the issue.

FAMILY ADVENT TRADITIONS

Next weekend, **December 1st and 2nd**, following all Masses, we will be selling Advent candles (pack of 4–\$7) and metal Advent wreaths (\$20). The small profits from the sale will directly support the catechetical formation of the children in our parish in the building or buying of materials for our program the *"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd"*.

Quantities are limited; exact change is preferred. To reserve your purchase, please contact our Director of Family Ministries: <u>marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca</u>

2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

A new calendar year is quickly approaching! Parish envelopes are now available for pickup in the back of the Church.

Like last year, labels are placed on the top of the envelope boxes. If you have used envelopes this year, please be sure to only pick up a box with your number and name on it. If you have not used envelopes but would now like to, please stop by the parish office to pick up a box and to register as a parishioner.

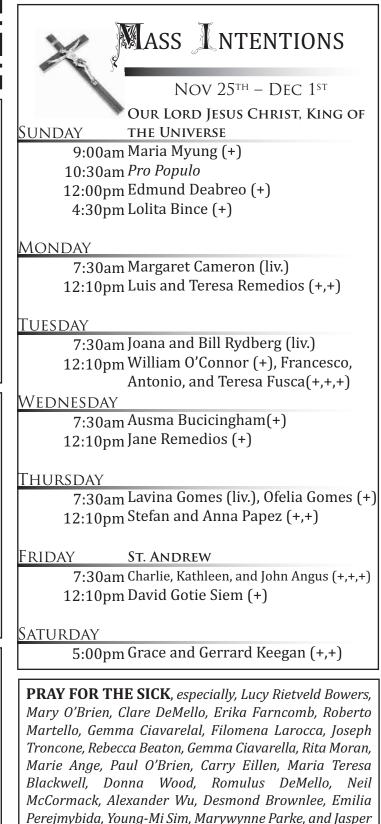
SUNDAY MISSALS & BLUE BOOKS

The 2019 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now available for sale through the parish office for \$5.00. We will also be offering an illustrated version, *Sunday Missal for Young Catholics* for \$10.00 suitable for children. These should be available in the coming weeks.

The Advent Little Blue Books also available for sale in the parish office. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 18, 2018 \$12,715.25



David-Fuchs. **PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Vincent Shen, and Pedro Bolo Jr.

