

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

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Sat 9:00 am - 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

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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## FAIR SHARE

*By Michael Pirri*

In Jesus' day, the tax system was easily corrupted. Tax collectors were effectively able to mark-up their taxes and take the difference for themselves. The more prominent the tax collector, the more tax they could add to tax collected by those below them; Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector - a very prominent man. It looks like wealth inequality is not something new to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

When we talk about the widening wealth gap today, we think of the top 0.01% of earners, people who are worth billions of dollars. How can such inequality exist in the world? Why aren't these people paying their fair share?

Zacchaeus wasn't paying his fair share either. He was actually taking advantage of those less fortunate than himself.

**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

As painful as it is sometimes to see that HST line at the bottom of your receipts, it helps in some way knowing that at least it helps to pay for things. It funds our hospitals and schools, pays for road repairs and subsidies to public transit, provides grants to non-profits that feed the poor. What is disheartening though is that it is not enough. When will we, like Zacchaeus, climb the tree in our garden and look into the face of Jesus?

As I write this, the #unignorabletower is trending on social media. A building, dubbed the #unignorable tower, would need to have space for 116,317 individuals and families, proving the point of how massive our poverty and homelessness problem is. Standing at over 2.5 times the height of the CN Tower, The #UNIGNORABLE Tower was imagined by the United Way to represent the scale of the problem, and bring attention to this big and complicated issue.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

WISDOM 11.22 - 12.2

PSALM 145

2 THESSALONIANS 1.11 - 2.2

LUKE 19.1-10

*On **November 9 and 10**, we are holding our annual Christmas Drive to help fundraise for our Christmas meals and gift bags. Your \$15 of support go a long way towards providing items to those in our community who need the most help.*

### **CORPORATE RETREAT PROGRAM**

We are now accepting bookings for our corporate retreat program, which runs on select Thursday mornings. The Program includes a presentation on systematic poverty in the city, as well as a service component to help our neighbours in need. The program can accommodate a group of 8-12 individuals, and runs from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

If you are interested in booking a date, please contact Michael Pirri at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-2075



God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,  
May the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet  
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us your breath of  
life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the  
migration of the birds remind us that you call us  
to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

*Amen.*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for supporting the various second collections throughout October, especially the Basilian Missions last weekend.

<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	\$6,063
<b>Community Capital Restoration</b>	\$2,278
<b>World Missions</b>	\$3,029
<b>Basilian Missions</b>	\$5,919

### **10TH ANNUAL MEAGHER LECTURE**

*Did the Early Christians Believe the Bible?*

All are invited to attend the 10th Annual Meagher Lecture delivered by Dr. Colleen Shantz, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Theology, Thursday November 28, 2019 at 7:00PM in Charbonnel Lounge (81 St. Mary Street).

Contact [events.usmctheology@utoronto.ca](mailto:events.usmctheology@utoronto.ca) for more information.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In commemoration of *All Saints'* and *All Souls'* Day, and as a special way to honour our deceased loved ones at this time, our parish's *Book of Remembrance* will be on display in the sanctuary throughout the entire month of November. Please sign the names of the faithfully departed and pray for those listed.

## OPEN CIRCLE

*The Major Challenges Facing Catholic Higher Education in Our Day*

Drawing on his long association with Catholic higher education in the United States, Fr. Heft will present a diagnosis of the current challenges facing Catholic colleges and universities in a talk entitled "Open Circle." He will describe three ways post-secondary institutions have organized themselves in response to those challenges, and identify three important contemporary challenges that need to be met if Catholic education is to survive in an increasingly secular and pluralistic society.

Friday, Nov. 8 at 12:15PM in Fr. Madden Hall

RSVP: [stmikes.utoronto.ca/heft-rsvp](http://stmikes.utoronto.ca/heft-rsvp)

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*Debunking Black Legends of the Catholic Church*

Join Fr. Séamus Hogan, Professor of Church History, as he confronts false versions of Catholic history which portray the church as a violent, ignorant, worldly and bigoted institution. Fr. Séamus reveals the true facts around historical events such as the Crusades, the Inquisition and many others. Spend the day debunking myths in order to discover the real truth of the church's history. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included with registration. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day!

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:30AM-3:00PM

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Visit [www.staugustines.on.ca/](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/) for more information

## SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 27, 2019 5,019.50



## MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY	31 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	9:00am <i>Pro Populo</i>
	10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>
	12:00pm Scoppio and Lozupone Families (+,+)
	4:30pm Robert Suryakristianto and Florence Megawati Aulia (+,+)
MONDAY	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
	7:30am
	12:10pm Fernandes Family (+)
TUESDAY	
	7:30am Manuel and Julieta Lim (+,+)
	12:10pm Celia Stanislaus (+)
WEDNESDAY	
	7:30am Thalheimer Family (+)
	12:10pm Valerie Crilly (+)
THURSDAY	
	7:30am Helena Mary Kowalska (+)
	12:10pm Norbert Flood (+), Sharon McGhie (+)
FRIDAY	
	7:30am Helena Mary Kowalska (+)
	12:10pm Robert and Aurora Ward (liv.)
SATURDAY	DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA
	5:00pm Lucille Mirvish (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, *Clare DeMello, Roberto Martello, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Mary O'Brien, Rita Moran, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Josephine D'amico, Jose Gaitero, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Ceceila Sorianosos, Wilfredo Sorianosos, Anne C., Delaila Salvador, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Betty Veit, Sue Banfield, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, *Sylvia Danter.*


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