

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm
Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

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

For 161 years (1856-2017), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." 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!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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GAUDETE SUNDAY

by Lisa Fernandes

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. Advent generally is a time for us to prepare and make way for Christ's coming. In the Gospel we read about John and his role in this important event when he says: "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (John 1.23)

On Gaudete Sunday we are rejoicing because our preparation is almost done. As the first reading says: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God;..." (Isaiah 61.10)

Advent is also a time of new beginnings and is the start of each new liturgical year. I recently heard a comparison between Advent



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and the wait for the birth of a child. Parents are nervous and anxious; they are unprepared even amid their joy when awaiting the birth of a child. In the same way, in Advent we are happy to remember the birth of Christ and await his coming again, but at the same time we are anxious; we are not prepared and have not reconciled our sins with God.

In our family we have many different kinds of advent calendars and candles to mark the countdown including secular ones - a hand painted wooden tree with ornaments added each day, one with chocolates (of course) and a candle with 24 days of December marked. Most importantly, though, we have a traditional Advent Wreath with three purple candles and one pink one. The purple ones can be seen as representing sacrifice. Today on Gaudete Sunday, we will be lighting the pink one which reminds us of the joy among our more solemn preparation from the past couple of weeks. Each candle that is lit brings more light into the darkness.

During this time of year, let's reflect on the spiritual preparation of the season as well as the secular preparation for feasts and gift buying and try to be Christian towards others as we deal with holiday crowds! As Catholics we can focus and pray upon some of the themes of Advent like hope and anticipation, peace, joy and love even though at times the world seems to be lacking these. Perhaps we can remember that Christ's birth is the greatest gift of all.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- ISAIAH 61.1-2A, 10-11
- LUKE 1
- 1 THESSALONIANS 5.16-24
- JOHN 1.6-8, 19-28

THE BASIL BRIGADE NEEDS YOU!

On **Tuesday, December 19 at 6PM**, join our cleaning and decorating party. Many hands make light work.

No RSVP is required. To get started, please meet Michael in the vestibule!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The first John Ford Food Drive collection of 2018 will take place on January 6/7. Volunteers will be in the vestibule after all weekend Masses on January 6/7.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for our outreach ministries, Out of the Cold and Miller Group. If you are interested in volunteering in these ministries, please contact michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please note we are still updating our records for the Ministry of the Sick and Homebound. If you are already involved in this ministry, you must contact Jessica via email at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca or by phone at (416) 926-1300 x. 3413.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

A printed copy of the Christmas schedule is included in this copy of the bulletin to help you plan for the season.

Please note the changes in the Sunday Mass schedule, namely:

- NO 4:30PM Mass on December 24th
- NO 4:30PM Mass on December 31st

The parish offices will be closed on December 25-26, as well as January 1.

ADVENT BLUE BOOKS & SUNDAY MISSALS

There are still a few remaining copies of the Advent Blue Books and Sunday Missalettes. If interested, please visit the Parish Office to make your purchase.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

If you have served as in the Ministry of Hospitality and are able to help out as an Usher during the busy Christmas season, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca to give him your availability.

THE INCARNATION, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Then He summoned an archangel,
Saint Gabriel: and when he came,
Sent him forth to find a maiden,
Mary was her name.*

*Only through her consenting love
Could the mystery be preferred
That the Trinity in human
Flesh might clothe the Word.*

*Though the three Persons worked the wonder
It only happened in the One.
So was the Word made incarnation
In Mary's womb, a son.*

*So He who only had a Father
Now had a Mother undefiled,
Though not as ordinary maids
Had she conceived the Child.*

*By Mary, and with her own flesh
He was clothed in His own frame:
Both Son of God and Son of Man
Together had one name.*

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 10, 2017 \$ 6,831.70



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 17TH — 23RD

SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Maria Myung and Family (liv.)
10:30am *Pro Propulo*
12:00pm Frank, Mike, and Monica Gannon (+,+,+)
4:30pm Mai O'Connor (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Pat Page (+)
12:10pm Patrick Quane (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Manuel and Julieta Lim (+,+)
12:10pm James and Matina Chrones (+,+),
Paolo Scoppio (+), Margaret Finn (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Angeles Garlitos (+)
12:10pm Roy John Cortez (+)

THURSDAY **St. Peter Canisius**

7:30am M. Charones (+)
12:10pm Tardi Family (+), Rose Redmond (+),
Francis Cousineau (+) Fr. Dani Chui,
CSB (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am David Myung and Family (liv.)
12:10pm Myriam Scoppio (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Amparo and Antonio Lagdameo (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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