

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

ORDINARY TIME VII

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am-1:30pm

Sunday 8:15am-1:15pm

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

Current parish guidelines require parishioners to complete a self-screening at home before coming to the church, and to keep a log of all visits. The University is requiring that visitors to campus, regardless of the purpose of their visit, must be fully vaccinated (provided they are eligible for vaccination). Exemptions to the vaccine requirement must be approved by the University of Toronto.

Students, Faculty, and Staff of the University of Toronto, are required to complete the screening via the University's U-Check tool. Parishioners who are not students, faculty, or staff of the University of Toronto, must use the visitor attestation form available in the narthex.

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MAKING SPACE

"Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return." Simple words for such a big ask! This Sunday's Gospel asks us to create a space in our hearts for our enemies. Maybe the language of 'enemy' is a bit farfetched for us – how many of us could actually pin point individuals that are 'enemies' to us?

At first thought, this language is reminiscent of that which we find in the Lord's Prayer: *"those who trespass against us"*. Again, trespass might seem a little too specific a term for what Jesus is really calling us to. It's not just those who would actively seek to undermine us we are called to love – it is also those who are indifferent to us. One of the aspects that makes this difficult for us is the lack of reciprocity necessary for this work. When we talk about the challenges of reconciliation, or welcoming marginal communities into the Church, we are often unable to take up the crucial act of dialogue. How can we have empathy for the other if we are unable to reach out and create a space for a genuine moment of connection?



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Fostering a space requires some sort of mutual area of interest (think of a venn diagram). Surely any two individuals will be able to find *something* they have in common and be able to dialogue; the challenge is more so *uncovering* what it is that we share.

The work of the Synod is to create a space where we foster dialogue with the *other*, those who are indifferent to us, or to each other. How can we love someone if we don't know them?

The Gospel reading ends "*for the measure you give will be the measure you get back*". Our Synodal path calls us to create an 'equitable' space for encounter with the other. This inevitably requires some willingness on our part to do to be vulnerable and open. This openness is what Jesus is calling us to today in our Gospel – an openness to welcome not just those who love us, but also those to whom hearts are closed.

If you have not already, you are encouraged to fill out the Archdiocesan Synodal survey at www.archtoronto.org

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

We are happy to share that, effective this weekend, congregational singing resumes at all Masses.

WALKING TOGETHER: A PRIMER ON THE NEW SYNODALITY

New Book Available from Novalis Publishing

Lay theologian and past synod participant Moira McQueen has much wisdom to share. Her book will help Catholics – lay and ordained – prepare and steer competently through the upcoming diocesan and regional synods around the world.

Softcover or e-books can be purchased online at www.novalis.ca.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous support of the Bake Sale last weekend. Thanks to your generosity, we'll be serving a hearty meal for family day to patrons!

A special thank you to all of our volunteers, who spent many hours baking well over 500 cookies, brownies, and muffins for the sale.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

March 25-27

Virtual event hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (wwme.org)

Where are you in your marriage journey? Every marriage could use a boost! Learn easy-to-use communication tools to help enhance your relationship. The proven program will guide you through practical and private exercises to refresh your wedding vows and to spark up your romance. Based on Catholic values, but married couples of all faiths are welcome. Are you ready to rediscover each other? For more information, contact Gerard and Marge at (905) 792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com

BRIDGING OUR DIVIDES: FOSTERING INCLUSIVITY

Wednesday, February 23, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Organized by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute

Register: <https://bridgingourdivides.eventbrite.ca>

Join the annual National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee Online Event as we celebrate "Listen, Learn, Engage" with the World Interfaith Harmony Week: Participate in an engaging discussion on developing inclusive communities while living out our faith in our multicultural society?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 2nd. Mass, including the imposition of ashes, will be celebrated that day at the following times:

7:30am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm

CHOOSING TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH RETREAT

Monday, February 28 9am-3pm
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
Pickering, ON

A day retreat open to men and women. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and muffins. There will be sessions in the chapel on the theme, "Choosing to be part of the Church." There will be time for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. Lunch is provided. The day ends with Mass. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$50 per person. For more information, or to register, contact (905) 839-2864 or www.manresa-canada.ca

THE LIGHT OF NEWMAN IN THE DARK OF WINTER

Saturday, March 12, 9:30am-1:00pm
Virtual Event (Hosted by St. Augustine's Seminary)
Register: <https://bit.ly/SeminaryLentenRetreat2022>

Now is the time to start thinking about Lenten retreats. Join us on Saturday, March 12 as Dr. Donald Graham, Assistant Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, leads us through a day of virtual reflection on "The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter. Help for Our Lenten Journey." Dr. Graham has published widely on the topic of St. John Henry Newman. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect with fellow pilgrims on the journey.

The cost for the event is \$25. For more information, contact lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION:

Feb. 26-27: SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 20TH – 27TH

SUNDAY 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Marian Kowalski (✠)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Fr. John Joseph Hurley (✠)
4:30pm Len Stuart (✠)

MONDAY

9:00am Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mangan (✠,✠)

TUESDAY CHAIR OF ST. PETER

7:30am
12:10pm Nancy Calvo (✠), Charles Beuglet (✠),
Ray Curran and Brian Curran(✠,✠)

WEDNESDAY ST. POLYCARP

7:30am Don and Mary Fraser (liv, ✠)
12:10pm Jean Barry (✠)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Winnie Cox (✠), Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Collins(✠,✠)

FRIDAY

7:30am Jaroslawa (✠)
12:10pm Josephina (✠)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Helen Hunt (✠)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Steve Chandeller, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Evelyn McGloin, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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