

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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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);
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
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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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IT'S ABOUT ELEPHANTS

By Norm Tanck

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet and, as we have seen in the last few weeks, Jesus was anointed to be a prophet. His mission was to announce the Good News that the Reign of God has begun.

It is not easy being a prophet. It is not the kind of job you can prepare for, except that God puts a burning message in your heart and are compelled to speak the truth to people who don't want to hear the truth.

A prophet challenges people to look realistically at their lives and be aware of the consequences of their actions. A prophet gives hope to the hopeless and challenges those in power to be compassionate and just. A prophet speaks of possibilities of a life and a world free from selfishness, greed, and

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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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oppression. A prophet calls people and nations to be obedient to God's law and to become part God's plan.

But what is it exactly that the prophet speaks about? A prophet's message is about elephants, the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about. The elephant in the room is the truth about a person or a situation that never gets mentioned or acted upon. A prophet speaks to those whose lives are disrupted by the elephant, as well as to those who own the elephant. As the saying goes, a prophet, "*comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.*"

Today Jesus comforts the poor and hungry. To those who weep, to the marginalized, Jesus says that the kingdom of God will be theirs and that they will be filled and satisfied. But he warns those who now have more than they need, who seek to be recognized and honoured. Today Jesus challenges us to confront the elephant in the room.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

JEREMIAH 17.5-8

PSALM 1

1 CORINTHIANS 15.12, 16-20

LUKE 6.17, 20-26

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce, or death of a loved one. This program provides counselling, opportunity for reflection and spiritual guidance as part of the healing journey through live-in retreat weekends, monthly renewal meetings and parish support groups. It is a ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered the loss of a loved one (through death, separation, or divorce) make a NEW BEGINNING in life.

If you are interested in being a part of the New Beginnings group, please call Alex at (416) 921-1163 X.2230 for more information.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join us in exploring the Living Word of God through the lens of the Gospel of Luke—the Gospel read this liturgical year. This four session series is an opportunity to enrich our understanding of Luke's distinct portrait of Jesus and discipleship as presented by the evangelist. You need not have attended our first session to attend an upcoming one. Our upcoming sessions are:

- **March 13** Jesus' ministry and teaching (*rescheduled from February 6*)
- **April 3** The passion narrative and the Risen Jesus

Sessions take place from 7PM-8:30PM in Ardèche Hall. Although registration is not required, it is encouraged so as to better prepare to welcome everyone.

For more information or to register please contact Marilena, our Director of Family Ministry: marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto invites all parishioners to a luncheon talk on **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** following the 12:10PM Mass.

The guest speaker will be Fr. Kevin Storey, CSB, recently-elected Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. Fr. Kevin graduated from Michael Power High School in Toronto (1982) and was ordained in 1992. He was president of St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas, before his election in July 2018.

The lunch and talk will take place immediately after the 12:10 Mass, in Macrina Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish office (416) 926-7110 or office@stbasiltoronto.org for catering purposes.

All are welcome!

The Serra Club is a Catholic lay organization for the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and the affirmation of vocations and the spiritual development of its members.

FAMILY DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 18th** in observance of Family Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM after which the church will close; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

READERS GROUP

Over Lent, the St. Basil's Readers Group will be reading *Seven Last Words* by James Martin, SJ. All are welcome to join for an opening talk on **March 8th, at 6:00PM** (following the Stations of the Cross) in Ardèche Hall. The book is a meditation on the seven last phrases Jesus spoke from the cross. The book shows how each phrase reveals how much Jesus participated in our human condition, and how each saying can help you feel close to Jesus.

If you would like to join the Readers Group, or order a copy of the book, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210.

BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **March 2 and 3**.

They accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. They don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul donates the goods to families in need, exchanges them for vouchers to help the needy, or sells them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please be sure to tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you in advance for your kind support for those who need it most.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 10, 2019 \$4,968



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 17TH – 23RD

SUNDAY	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	9:00am Rommel San Miguel Reyes(+)
	10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>
	12:00pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)
	4:30pm James Robert Crilly (+)
MONDAY	
	9:00am Fred Fox (+)
TUESDAY	
	7:30am
	12:10pm Daniel Pollock (+), Claro Lorenzo Lagdameo (+)
WEDNESDAY	
	7:30am Kathleen and John Angus (+,+)
	12:10pm Vocations
THURSDAY	
	7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (+)
	12:10pm Tamara Tumidajski (+), Frances Havey (+)
FRIDAY	CHAIR OF ST. PETER
	7:30am Vincent Shen (+)
	12:10pm Mark, Paul, Chris, Nathaniel and Chiara Maguire (liv.)
SATURDAY	ST. POLYCARP
	5:00pm Fred Fox (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Donna Wood, Jose Gaitero, Ed Brash, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

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