

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 14

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5:00 pm (Sat);

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

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

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

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VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

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Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## PARISH STAFF

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

*by Lucinda M. Vardey*

As we enter more fully into the New Year, and settle into what the Church calls "Ordinary Time" we are given the opportunity to hone our prayer life and begin again with God.

God can call us at any time. In fact, it is usually within the regular everyday activities of ordinary life that this happens. God's call is rarely delivered like a flash of lightning, or a thunderbolt. Jesus often negated others' requests for miraculous signs to prove his messianic kingship, by emphasizing instead the centrality of personal faith.

Jesus exemplified that perfect symmetry of relationship with God, that of doing, above all, the will of God, the purpose of every believer's life.

**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!**



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As we read in the book of Samuel, God calls more than once. We may not hear it as directly as the prophet, because God invites in a variety of ways. Some of us hear God's voice in our emotions, our feelings, a deep sense of what we are to do: others find God's calling through their service, a slow revealing of direction within the sharing of their talents and gifts. Others, like the sick and suffering - or like Samuel himself - may be lying on their beds: some may be alone on a street, or in a park, some may be on their way to a football game (as our former pastor, Fr. Ken Decker was doing when called to his vocation to the priesthood).

Many of us are afraid to take risks, but it almost goes without saying that God's call requires them. Let us begin again to follow the Lord's directive by stepping away from the sidelines of pondering with maybe some fear, to acting with trust and confidence as Samuel did. May we be ready to do whatever we are asked by uttering the prayer, "*Here I am, speak, Lord for your servant is listening.*"

**SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

- 1 SAMUEL 3.3B-10, 19
- PSALM 40
- 1 CORINTHIANS 6.13C-15A, 17-20
- JOHN 1.35-42

**SAINT BASIL SINGERS**

The Saint Basil Singers is recruiting new members of all voice types for the Winter/Spring Session (January to June term).

The choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 3:00PM and sings at the 4:30PM Mass.

For more information please email [music@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:music@stbasiltoronto.org) or speak to JP or Stefani after any weekend Mass.

**SERRA CLUB**

The Serra Club-Downtown Toronto invites you to a luncheon talk this coming Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Our speaker will be Father Peter Turrone, Executive Director of the Newman Centre and Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. He will talk about the Newman Centre, its purpose and the youth/vocation activities they support. We hope that this will give all the opportunity to discuss and brainstorm ideas regarding various religious vocation activities directed at young university students.

We are also happy to inform you that some members of the Serra International 's Executive Council may be attending the meeting.

The luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018** immediately after the 12:10PM Mass, in the Parish Hall. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish office by Monday, January 15, 2018.

*All are welcome!*

**MERCI BEAUCOUP TO ST. BASIL'S PARISHIONERS!**

Thank you for your great generosity during the Advent and Christmas seasons in support of the various parish ministries and staff, whether it was through volunteering, donations, prayers, or gifts. The contributions of many made possible the festive celebrations that took place here.

On behalf of the staff, I extend our sincerest appreciation. May God continue to shower us with blessings in this new year!

~Fr. Morgan

### NEW YEARS OFFERTORY:

Holy Family, December 31, 2017  
\$7,378.25

Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2018  
\$ 2,718.85

### CANDLEMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, February 2 at 7:30pm**, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas!

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently recruiting for all liturgical ministries. If you are interested in serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, please contact Jessica at [jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca](mailto:jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca) or (416) 926-1300 x.3413

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

*January 14, 2018 is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.*

Joined together in prayer, presence, and solidarity, may we be inspired with love, creativity, vision, and a readiness to create a welcoming space with all migrants and refugees.

May this space be a home where the dignity of all can be realized. May we grow in our conviction that, with the Reign of God, there is a common home for all!

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 7, 2018 \$ 5,630.05



### MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> — 20<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Brian Cutt (+)  
10:30am Lorraine Corey (+)  
12:00pm Nenita Zapanta (+)  
4:30pm Erlinda Malasaga (+)

MONDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Michael and Alexandra (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am Rafi Kosover (+)  
12:10pm Joanne Melia (liv.), Francis Yap (+)

WEDNESDAY **Saint Anthony**

7:30am  
12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon  
(+,+,+)

THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Claudette Kneider (+), Maria Mimmo  
(liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Lorena Vicente (liv.)

**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, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Carry Eillen, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, Alexander Wu, Rose Griffin, Norma Cunningham, and Steven Morth.

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