

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 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

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm



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St. Basil's Church, Toronto



Song of the Angels, William Bouquereau (1881)

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

By Lucinda M. Vardey

It is understandable that the wise men, who had travelled so far on their ancient pil-grimage to give homage to the new born king, would be “overwhelmed with joy” when the star indicated they had arrived. One could speculate the cause of a joy shared among a special group of seekers, who, some say, heralded from Sheba (present-day Yemen). We will never know exactly who they were or where they came from but that isn’t really important. What is worth noting is the effect that Jesus had on them. They were coming laden with gold and spices, but before they dismounted their camels they had received a precious spiritual commodity beyond every material value: joy.

St. Thomas Aquinas posited that the experience of joy is not something that one sets out to seek, it is instead enlivened by encountering “the good which is its object.” Therein we find the gladness in encountering the Christ child we have sung about in our Christmas carols. We encounter “the good,” like the wise men, who looked and saw the hopeful light in the dark sky of that time and were touched by something beyond rational comprehension. They not only saw, but they felt, and their spiritual senses goaded them to act. They had to go, they had to find, and they had to rejoice. And by this encounter they were changed.

They headed back not from where they came but by “another road,” a different route. No longer honouring Herod’s wish (with its ulterior motive) they instead followed the truth as revealed in the dream state. Transformed by the brightness of dawn, they journeyed out as witnesses to an unspeakable event, the mystery, which was, as St. Paul revealed, to be passed on “in the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gos-pel.”

Sunday’s Readings:

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2.1-12

FORMING A MONASTERY WITHOUT WALLS

The Contemplative Women of St. Anne is a lay community under the Archdiocese of Toronto at St. Basil’s Parish created for women called to, or already living, a life of contemplation in the world. We offer prayer, study of women saints, spiritual formation, and shared creativity through silence and love in the heart of Jesus and the Church. Those interested in learning more are invited to an introductory “Come and See” on **Sunday, January 10 and Sunday, January 24 at 2 pm in Room 006**. Enter through the west side door and follow the signs.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION REUNION MASS AND LUNCH

For all those who participated in our parish’s baptismal preparation class, and had a child or Godchild baptized in the year 2015, we would like to welcome you back to celebrate that baptism as well as the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There will be a special blessing during the **10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 10, 2016** for all children baptized in 2015. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon and presentation on living out our baptismal calling in the parish hall. If you have been sent an invitation, or would like to attend, please RSVP by January 6, 2016 to Emily (liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN MEETING THIS WEEK

A few weeks ago, I made mention of the Family of Faith Campaign meeting that will take place this coming **Tuesday, January 5 at 7 pm in the parish hall**. The Executive Director, Chris Polito, will be there to speak to the needs of the campaign and answer questions. There will be a bit of explanation about where the money goes, in accordance with a pastoral plan booklet that was in the bulletin a few weeks ago (they are also on the back wall of the vestibule). I will also be on hand to answer questions you may have about our own work here at St. Basil’s. This meeting is open to everyone; I hope to see you there!
- Fr. Chris

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Communion preparation (for children at least in grade two) will begin on **Sunday, January 24 at 1:15pm in the vestibule**. Classes run for an hour led by Emily and a small team of catechists. We meet for eight weeks, and the First Communions will take place on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the noon Mass.

To enrol your child or get more information, please contact Emily in the parish office.

Only the Wise

We seek the King

Where shall we find him?

Look to Bethlehem:

a child in a stable,

his regal splendor

the image of his Father

and Creator.

Only the wise shall see:

He is there.

We seek the King

Where shall we find him?

Look to the altar:

bread and wine

fruit of the earth,

Work of human hands.

Only the wise shall see:

He is there.

~Carole Thomas

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Evan for all of your hard work creating our parish's new Hymn boards. The numbers are clear and simple to read- and we have been getting great feedback. We are most grateful for your commitment to working with us closely so that we could find the right solution.



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 3rd - 9th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	The Epiphany of the Lord Kathleen Godkin (liv.) Maria Jose Crispim Prado (+) Bila Yougbare (+) Deceased members of the Blanco Family
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Hong and Hien Nguyen (liv., liv.) Dorothy Wood (liv.)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint John Neumann Kelly Conway (+) Simone Nunes-Desouza (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Thalheimer Family (liv.) Vocations
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Rose Broad (+) Kathleen MacNamee (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Rose Broad (+) Linda Fasken (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Mario Bellina (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, and Hsien Tang Pan Wong.

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