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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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.

PARISH STAFF

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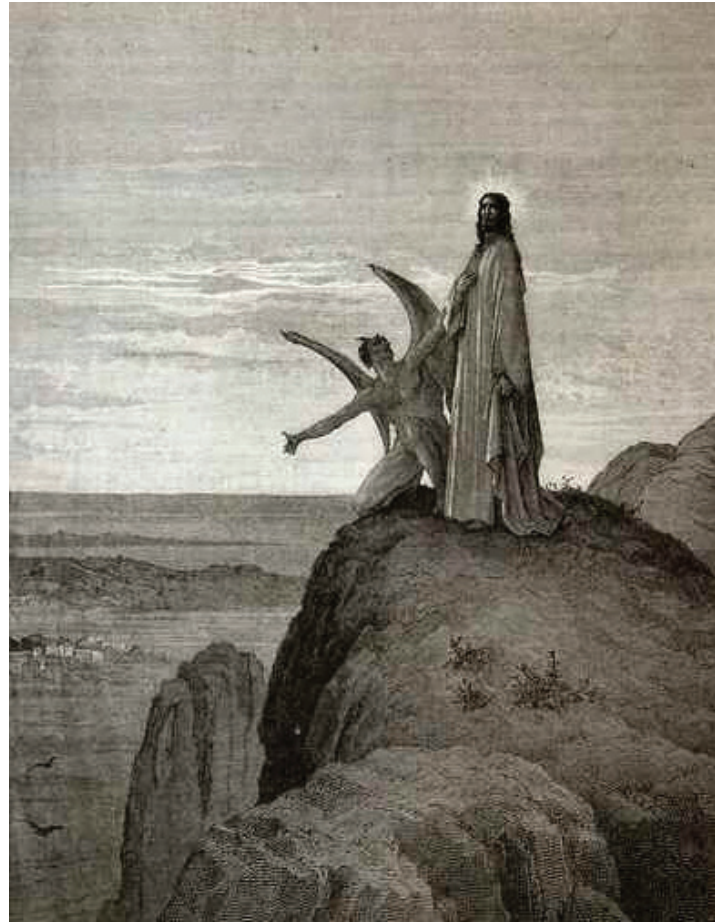
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THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS – GUSTAVE DORÉ



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JESUS KNOWS THE ANSWER

Our Gospel reading this week sees Jesus tested over and over by Satan. With each rebuke, Jesus asserts the wisdom he was taught growing up. He ultimately tells Satan 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'.

The responsorial psalm echoes our Lenten sentiments of desire for accompaniment: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble". It is in our weaker moments that we are reminded how great our need is to feel the presence of Christ, and of others in our lives.

Lent is a time for simplicity, restraint, and reflection. Our practice of giving something up is meant to challenge us with the ultimate goal of bringing us closer to God. It gives us opportunity to reflect on our privilege, and allows us to make considerations for others who do not have as much as us. Satan knows that we are weak, and that we can be persuaded to take the easy way out; in fact, he seeks the opportunity to come to us at our *weakest*. If we are not presented with the opportunity to give alms during our sacrifice, we lose the dimension of gratitude and our Lenten practice can become a shallow struggle which often results in us succumbing to our desires and cracking open the top of the ice cream container.

The reason almsgiving is so crucial is because it is a moment of encounter for us with Christ. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (**Matthew 25.40**) Through almsgiving, we are able to *be* the accompaniment to others.

As we set out on these 40 days, we ought to reflect (and act!) on how we are called to accompany one another.

SUNDAY READINGS

DEUTERONOMY 26.4-10

PSALM 91

ROMANS 10.8-13

LUKE 4.1-13

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHAT'S A SYNOD?

A working group has been struck at the University of St. Michael's College to discuss the Synod on Synodality. As we begin this process within the parish, we invite you to fill the USMC survey here: <https://bit.ly/3p7DR5m>.

You're also invited to view our new Synod web page at www.stbasiltoronto.org/synod where you'll find a short introductory video about the Synod.

As part of the Synodal work here at St. Basil's, you're also invited to take part in one of two listening sessions. More details will be available in the coming weeks, in the meantime, please save the dates:

Thursday, March 24th at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 2nd at 11:00am

You can contact michael.pirri@utoronto.ca for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

March 25-27

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

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORUNITY

There is currently a need for new ministers of hospitality at the 5:00pm Saturday and 4:30pm Sunday Masses. There are no requirements to join except for a desire to sincerely create a sense of welcome.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

CROSSINGS: A JOURNEY TO EASTER

March 2 - April 14
All Outdoor Art Exhibition
Information: www.crossingstoronto.com

A contemplative public arts exhibit set across 16 Toronto locations. Visit Crossings' distinctive art works created by Canadian artists specifically to capture the meaning of the Stations of the Cross. This mini-pilgrimage travels between several theological colleges and includes a stop just outside of St. Basil's!

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>

Join together on Saturday, March 12 as Dr. Donald Graham, Assistant Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, leads the group 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:

March 19-20: EASTER FLOWERS



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 6TH - 12TH

SUNDAY 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Barbara Boyle (✠)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Anne Marusic (✠)
4:30pm Ken and Helena Stuart (✠,✠)

MONDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Georgine Faville (✠)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Michael Ciavarella (liv)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Lina Ciavarella (✠)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Frankie Leung (✠)

FRIDAY

7:30am Marie Bernice Casey (✠)
12:10pm Jeniffer Kowalska (✠)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Christina Francas McKay (✠)

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, Januz Niemczyk, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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