

MARCH 8, 2020

LENT II

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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

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

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

Sat: 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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.

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!

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

THE LENTEN JOURNEY... ONE DAY AT A TIME

By Kevin Kelly, SJ

Last Sunday our focus was on temptation: how Jesus overcomes his temptations in the desert; how Adam and Eve failed to overcome theirs; and how we must better understand and recognize our own if we are to face them and turn them over to God.

Now that we are into our full Lenten stride, we might be struggling to adhere to the promises we made, feeling overwhelmed by old and maybe new temptations, and beginning to doubt our ability to face the things that need transformation in our lives.

Today, we experience Jesus' Transfiguration. Our readings provide hope for us just when we might be starting to lose it. They encourage us to take one day at a time... to face our challenges and desire to change and grow not all at once, but bit by bit.

In the reading from Genesis, Abram is told to leave everything behind and build "a great nation". Even though God assures him that God will be with him, Abram must have felt overwhelmed. However, jumping to the end of the story, we know Abram learns to trust and do God's will. In the Epistle, we see both Paul and Timothy facing their own struggles: Paul is aging and in prison and Timothy is being challenged to accept God's call to be a leader in the Church. Taking on leadership and growing old are real challenges that must be faced and accepted over time, through prayer and God's grace.

Finally, we see the disciples completely overwhelmed, watching Jesus, the man with whom they have put their faith, their trust and their lives, transfigured before them. It must have been terrifying; they don't know how to respond. Jesus tells them to keep it to themselves, to go slowly, to trust that, with time, they will come to understand who he is and what he will call them to do.

That's what Jesus encourages us to do too: to be patient, to be gentle with ourselves, and to go slowly... trusting that he will carry us along if we turn our lives over to him.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

GENESIS 12.1-4

PSALM 33

2 TIMOTHY 1.8-10

MATTHEW 17.1-9

AID TO WOMEN: BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Aid to Women is a Christian charity offering practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. In addition to providing counseling, they provide material, emotional, spiritual and financial support for these mothers in need. Representatives from Aid to Women will be at the back of the church after each Mass **this weekend**, handing out their baby bottles that contain more information about the campaign. You are asked to return the bottles to the parish with your donation on the weekend of **March 28/29**. 100% of the donations received go directly to Aid to Women's life affirming work.

LENTEN PRAYER

THURSDAYS: SUNG VESPERS

All are invited to join as we celebrate sung Vespers, led by two cantors and organ, on **Thursdays in Lent** from February 27 to April 2, at 5:10PM following Adoration. We hope that you will join us in the sanctuary for this prayerful experience. The office of Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours.

FRIDAYS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers, at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

**SACRED READING:
A GUIDED LENTEN MEDITATION ON
SCRIPTURE**

This Lent, you are invited to reflect on Scripture and engage prayerfully with the text through a guided Ignatian-style meditation. The first session, hosted on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00pm in Macrina Hall**, will focus on Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (the Gospel reading for the third week of Lent). All are most welcome to attend – no registration is required.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

As you are likely aware, active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide have led to some understandable concern among the faithful. The number of cases in the province of Ontario remain low, with 17 confirmed positive cases of the coronavirus as of March 3, 2020.

The Archdiocese has been in regular contact with local health officials and will continue this dialogue. Information from the provincial website (Ontario.ca/COVID-19) provides basic background on the coronavirus and practical advice for all organizations.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home if you are sick

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus. Be assured that the Archdiocese will continue to work with local health officials and keep us updated as appropriate.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 1, 2020 \$5,921.90



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 8TH – 14TH

SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Samantha Denise Currie (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Grazia and Antonietta Scoppio (+,+)
4:30pm Mary Jane Henry (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Santina Caringi (+)
12:10pm Lina Ciavarella (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Francis Martin Devin (+)
12:10pm Arthur Barthos (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Rosemary & Family
12:10pm Sasha Peregoudova (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Mary Keaveney (+)
12:10pm Ian Simmonds (+), Richard Opaczewski (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Lucia Corea (+)
12:10pm Fernandes Family (liv.)

SATURDAY

5:00pm José Julio Torres (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delores Russo, Delaila Salvador, Ralph Smialek, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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