APRIL 7, 2019 ST. BASIL'S

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

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

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

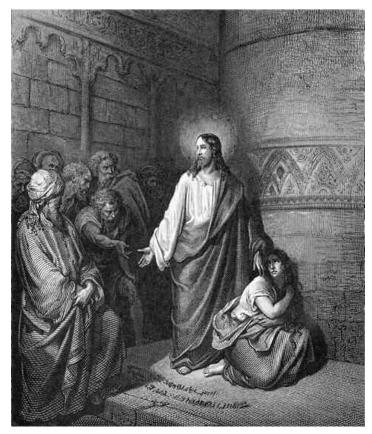
Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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 vour visit.





Jesus and the Woman Taken in Adultery - Gustave Dore

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Associate Pastor: Deacon: James Sand, SI

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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

FREE FROM THE TOMB

By Trevor Rainwater, SI

At each of the scrutiny Masses during Lent, the readings at Mass differ to allow the Elect and the larger Christian community to uncover their own sin and weakness so as to better prepare for the joy of Easter. This Sunday, most people hear of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), that tells us that despite one's sins, forgiveness is always found in Christ. Those, however, who attend the 4:30 PM Mass hear the scrutiny reading of the Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

The Raising of Lazarus is a fitting Gospel to have just before Holy Week because it clearly foreshadows what will occur in two weeks on Easter Sunday. In both stories, new life overcomes the grip of sin and death. Joy and excitement replace sadness and grief; disbelief transforms into the faith. It is clear from the passage that Jesus, Mary, and Martha shared a close friendship, but Martha, nonetheless, blames Jesus for Lazarus' death. Yet it is only through the "dead" Lazarus walking out of the tomb and Mary and Martha's grief that Jesus reveals the glories of His Heavenly Father. Just as Lazarus, Mary, and Martha had to go through suffering and death to see a flowering and deepening of their own faith, so too can we see this aspect in our own lives today. Through Lent, we undergo a cleansing and renewal of our faith in preparation for the joy of Easter.

As we journey with Jesus and his disciples in these final days of Lent, we continue our quest to see Christ as the giver of new life in order to love God more deeply. Thus, what "tomb" do you want Jesus to free you from? In other words, just as Lazarus needed freedom from his burial clothes after walking out of the tomb, what parts in your life need to be "unbound" and exposed to the light of Christ? Or if you heard the Gospel of the adulterous woman, what are the "public" sins you carry and wish to let go of? Remember, Jesus waits to set you free through the sacrament of Confession!

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.8-14 John 8.1-11

ORGAN CONCERT

On **Friday April 12th at 7:30pm**, here at Saint Basil's, Stefani Bedin will present her graduating recital for the University of Toronto's Master of Music degree program. The concert will feature organ music by Bach, Hindemith, Tournemire and Franck.

Free admission. Donations toward Saint Basil's music program will be gratefully accepted.

AID TO WOMEN: BOTTLE CAMPAIGN ENDS NEXT WEEKEND

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. "Baby Bottles for Life" will be collected after all Masses on **April 13/14.**

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.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities

Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL RESTORATION FUND

Next weekend, **April 13/14**, there will be a second collection for the Community Capital Restoration Fund.

COFFEE HOUR

Please note there will be no coffee hour on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday following the 10:30AM Mass as our volunteers take a well deserved break! We will resume coffee hour on Sunday, April 28.

If you are interested in volunteering for coffee hour, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

What does my doctor mean by "DNR"? Do Catholics have to 'try everything' when they get a terminal illness? What is palliative care? If you have ever had questions about these topics, come hear a presentation by St. Basil's Parishioner Dr. Lucas Vivas about the Catholic perspective on health in advancing age and towards the end of life.

Join us **Today, Sunday, April 7th at 1:30pm** in Ardèche Hall. The 40-minute presentation will be followed by an open Q & A session.

READERS GROUP

All are welcome to join on **Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:00PM** for a potluck supper and discussion. Over Lent, the St. Basil's Readers Group is reading Seven Last Words by James Martin, SJ. 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. Please contact Michael to RSVP and confirm your contribution to the Potluck Supper.

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

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 31, 2019 \$5,079.60



Sunday

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00am

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Maria Montano (+)

4:30pm Elizabeth Perera (+)

Monday

7:30am

12:10pm Carl Leggo (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Holy Souls (+)

12:10pm

Wednesday

7:30am Fr. Ken Decker, CSB (+)

12:10pm Mary Jane Craig Gardner (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am

12:10pm

FRIDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

Saturday

5:00pm Jim Rothwell (+)

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, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Jose Gaitero, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Helen Tilston, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Ed Brash, Delia Zingrone, and Elizabeth Perera.

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