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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

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

#### 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

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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 your visit.



#### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB **Associate Pastor:** Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Deacon: James Sand, SJ Office Manager: Margaret D'Elia Director of Music: J.P. Farahat Assistant Organist: Stefani Bedin Director of Community Engagement: Michael Pirri Coordinator of Social Justice: Veronica Courtois Director of Family Ministries: Marilena Berardinelli Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Mariann Dunsmore R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Trevor Rainwater, SI

### FISHERS OF PEOPLE

By Emily VanBerkum

Paul's letter to the Corinthians expresses his desire that all Christians accept the basic tenets of the Christian faith- that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, appeared to Cephas, then the twelve apostles, was buried, and rose from the dead. Paul further emphasizes the importance of belief in Christ's resurrection by positioning himself as a witness to the resurrection, and an Apostle of Christ.

In Magdala, a conciliary formed in St. Basil's dedicated to understanding the feminine genius and the feminine dimension of the Church, members have explored the richness of Mary Magdalene's rightful status as 'Apostle to the Apostles.' Though not mentioned by Paul in today's second reading, the Gospels position Mary Magdalene as the first to witness the resurrection







of Christ and the one given a distinct Apostolic charge to go share the news of Christ's rising from the dead. In many ways, Mary Magdalene bore a transformative love for Jesus- followed him in his earthly ministry, through his gruesome death by crucifixion; she anointed him for burial, wept by his tomb, and waited in desperation and unwavering faith for her Saviour to come again in glory. Mary Magdalene was a model disciple.

Learning from the significance of Mary Magdalene's witness to Christ and fervent discipleship, today's Gospel encourages us to reflect on our own status as a disciple of Christ. In the moments following a miraculous haul of fish, Jesus tells Simon, James, John, and the many that had gathered by the shore: "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching people." They left everything and followed Him.

Fishers of people. Jesus longs for real discipleship so that followers will draw others to him by the way they model their faith. Belief in Jesus is conveyed in countless ways and, as Paul, Mary Magdalene, and the twelve apostles all understood and lived, discipleship is predicated upon a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus. Jesus' language here does not discriminate about who can follow him, rather stating that those who witness his resurrection and saving action – as it has been passed down from generation to generation – will be catchers of people, in turn welcoming all women and men into the Kingdom of God.

# **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

The Magdala conciliary gathers once a month through the academic term, discussing topics of relevance to the understanding of the feminine genius and the feminine dimension of the Church. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak with Michael Pirri at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

#### **BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **March 2 and 3.** 

They accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. They don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul donates the goods to families in need, exchanges them for vouchers to help the needy, or sells them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please be sure to tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you in advance for your kind support for those who need it most.

#### SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto invites all parishioners to a luncheon talk on **Wednesday**, **February 20, 2019** following the 12:10PM Mass.

The guest speaker will be Fr. Kevin Storey, CSB, recently-elected Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. Fr. Kevin graduated from Michael Power High School in Toronto (1982) and was ordained in 1992. He was president of St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas, before his election in July 2018.

The lunch and talk will take place immediately after the 12:10 Mass, in Macrina Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish office (416) 926-7110 or office@stbasiltoronto.org for catering purposes.

#### All are welcome!

The Serra Club is a Catholic lay organization for the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and the affirmation of vocations and the spiritual development of its members.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVINGS (P.A.G.):

January 2019 \$9,475.29

### S.C.S.M. CONCERT

The Society for Christian Scholarship in Music (S.C.S.M.) is hosting it's annual conference at The University of St. Michael's College from February 14-16.

As part of the conference, there will be a concert at St. Basil's on **Friday, February 15, at 8:00PM** featuring music by Charpentier, Couperin and De Grigny.

Led by Parishioner and Faculty of Music student, Adrian Ross, the concert will be performed by an ensemble of voices and instruments, including Assistant Organist, Stefani Bedin, and several members of Saint Basil's Schola Cantorum.

All are welcome – admission is free.

#### ESTATE PLANNING SESSION

If you were unable to attend the Estate Planning Session offered on January 27 by the Archdiocese of Toronto, but would still like to receive an Estate Planning package, please contact the parish office at (416) 926-7110 or office@stbasiltoronto.org

#### READERS GROUP

Over Lent, the St. Basil's Readers Group will be reading <u>Seven Last Words</u> by James Martin, SJ. All are welcome to join for an opening talk on **March 8th**, at 6:00PM (following the Stations of the Cross) in Ardèche Hall. 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.

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

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 3, 2019 \$6,206.05



Sunday

**5**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

9:00am Joseph Peco (+)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Charles Matthews (+)

4:30pm Gregoria Bautista (+)

MONDAY OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7:30am

12:10pm Ronald Allan (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Holy Souls

Wednesday

7:30am Neil McCormack (liv.)

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

THURSDAY ST. CYRIL

7:30am

12:10pm Paul Darragh (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am

12:10pm

Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

Saturday

5:00pm Katrina Teh (liv.)

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, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Donna Wood, Jose Gaitero, Ed Brash, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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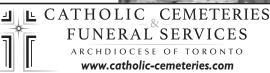
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