

# LENT

## ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



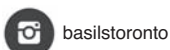
“Temptation of Christ,” Vasily Surikov, 1872

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:  
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)  
Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)



### SUNDAY MASSES

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

### ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

### DAYS OF TRAINING

By John Dalla Costa

When studying corporate scandals, my business students tend to look for some villainy as the root cause. There are, inevitably, individuals who operate with purposeful disregard for others, bordering on evil. But usually the failures of integrity are not so much from bad people having their way as from good people failing to use good judgment when it's needed most.

Like anything else, the skills and sensibilities for goodness need everyday discipline. None of us are born with integrity fully formed. Indeed, it's almost impossible to have the moral bandwidth for life's inescapable crises without the everyday practice of moral courtesy and care, and without the everyday corrections from conscience.

In today's Gospel we read how Jesus himself underwent such training to be ready for the all-or-nothing temptations that sought to derail his ministry before it even began. Jesus fasted, and was tempted for forty days. On the surface, his

daily renunciation and prayer might seem to have rendered him that much more susceptible to devil's audacious promises. But in spiritual terms, this daily self-denial affected the transformation preparing Jesus to not only deny the devil, but to walk with utter abandonment his long road to Calvary.

The early monks (known as the Desert Fathers for having retreated Jesus-like into the wilderness) call this transforming practice askesis. Regimens of restraint, repentance, and responsibility are always countercultural, but as we witness with Jesus, askesis does not curtail our potential so much as unleashes it.

For the Eastern Orthodox theologian Paul Evdokimov, askesis today aims for "liberation from every kind of addiction—speed, noise, alcohol, and all kinds of stimulants." He advocates withdrawal for "rest" - for "regular periods of calm and silence, when one could regain the ability to stop for prayer and contemplation, even in the heart of all the noise of the world." Such "fasting, instead of doing violence to the flesh, could be our renunciation of the superfluous, our sharing with the poor, and a joyful balance in all things."

*Sunday's Readings:*  
*Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13;*  
*Luke 4.1-13*

### **BUNDLE UP SUNDAY IS BACK!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing (all seasons, men, women, children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support our special works in the community. Bring your donations to the Society's truck for the upcoming **Bundle Up weekend on February 27 and 28.**

Volunteers will be on hand to offer assistance with your items before and after each Mass on February 27 and 28. ***Please do not bring items until the last weekend in February. Only then will we have a truck on site. We do not have space to store items beforehand.***

### **FAMILY DAY BRUNCH**

Are you a parishioner of St. Basil's, interested in meeting new community members? Join us on **Monday, February 15** for a communal brunch where families from St. Basil's Parish and UofT Alumni will celebrate Family Day with some international cuisine, family style!

11:30am Mass for Families at St. Basil's Parish  
 12:30pm Lunch in St. Basil's Parish Hall

For more information, please contact:  
 Oriana at SMC (oriana.bertucci@utoronto.ca)

***Please note: There will be NO 9:00am MASS or confession on Family Day. The only Mass that day will take place at 11:30am.***

### **R.C.I.A./CREED: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

On **Wednesday, February 17**, John Dalla Costa will present on the core tenets of Catholic Social Teaching.

John will address what it means in everyday practice to be a Christian in the world. We will explore Scriptural foundations, milestones from within Catholic tradition, and how to put prayer into practice through active service to our parish community and world (the principles of active discipleship).

Our evening begins with prayer in the church at **7:00pm**; discussion in the parish hall to follow. All are most welcome!

### **LENTEN BOOK CLUB**

As mentioned in one of Fr. Chris' homilies, the next book club will discuss Fr. Ron Rolheiser's ***Sacred Fire***.

The book club meeting date has been set for **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.** Light refreshments will be provided. No pre-registration is required.

## LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT

You are cordially invited to attend The University of St. Michael's College Annual Lenten Twilight Retreat on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** hosted at St. Basil's Parish. The retreat will include Mass, along with dinner and a presentation offered by retreat leader Fr. Mike Lehman, CSB. Fr. Mike will speak on "God's Loving Mercy...always and forever." Welcome and dinner begin at 5:30pm. To register, please call 416-926-7260 or email [smc.alumniaffairs@utoronto.ca](mailto:smc.alumniaffairs@utoronto.ca). **Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, March 1 so that organizers can finalize dinner arrangements.**

## R.C.I.A RITE OF ELECTION/ CALL TO LENTEN RENEWAL

You may recall back in November at the 9:00am Mass, our parish community welcomed our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "inquirers" into the formal period of the Catechumenate. This special rite marked the beginning of an intense period of faith formation.

This weekend, at the 10:30am Mass, our Catechumens and Candidates will participate in "the Rite of Election," also known as "the enrollment of names." This rite ends the period of the Catechumenate and begins a period of purification and enlightenment as we draw closer to reception of the Sacraments during the Easter Vigil. Together as a parish community, we make our "election" of the Catechumens and Candidates by affirming their rediness to be in full communion with the Church. During our celebration of this rite, Catechumens and Candidates pledge their commitment to the final period of their formation by "enrolling" their name in a book that lists the names of all those who will receive the Sacraments this Easter. Congratulations to our R.C.I.A Catechumens and Candidates...now called the "Elect"!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray with the Stations of the Cross after evening vespers every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 7, 2016      \$6,886.45



## MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 14th-20th

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00am-<br>10:30am-<br>12:00pm-<br>4:30pm- | <b>First Sunday of Lent</b><br>Sister Victoria Schneider, IBVM (+)<br>Pro Populo<br>Anna and Enrico (+)<br>Caroline Whellams (liv.)  |
| <b>Monday</b><br>11:30am-                                   | <b>Family Day</b><br>John Davis (liv.) and Jovita Rodas Zimmerman (+)  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                       | Gleniss Jarvis (liv.)<br>David DesLauriers (+), Fedele Silano (+),<br>Leo McArthur (+), Paul Darragh (+),<br>Elizabeth Idigbe (liv.) |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                     | Yee Loy Elisa (+)<br>Frank, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                      | Odessa Galicia (+)<br>James Robert Crilly (+), Pui Hang Yeung Cheng (+), Hang & Hong Family (liv.)                                   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                        | Concettina Ruscica (+)<br>Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+, +)   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00pm-                                  | John Walker (+)  |

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, Hsien Tang Pan Wong, Robert Benn, Claire Fider, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Sr. Mary Sibbald, Kam Fung Tem, and Angel Martinez.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Heather Skrepichuk,



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