

ST. BASIL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 4

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

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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

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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

For 161 years (1856-2017), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." 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!

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HOPE

by Lisa Fernandes

Today's readings are about hope. Job is a man who exemplifies suffering. He is subjected to many trials and tribulations and in the first reading we feel his misery when he appeals to us by saying: *"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good."* (Job 7. 6-7) To him life seems hopeless; but he does not lose faith.

In the second reading we hear of Paul's mission as an apostle, to teach the Gospel and spread the hope of Christ. We see his passion for his work when he says: *"I have become all things to all people so that I might by any means save some. I do it for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessing."* (I Corinthians 9.22-23) The second reading shows us hope in action, not just



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personal but spreading the good news to others.

I attended a veneration of a relic of St. Francis Xavier recently at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. He has been called the greatest missionary since St. Paul. He baptized around one hundred thousand people and performed miracles of healing and others. As I did, thousands of people lined up across Canada to venerate the relic, a physical symbol of a man who brought hope and the good news of the Gospel to so many, and continues to do so even now. It was uplifting to see this turnout at a time when there does not seem to be a lot of hope in the world.

The Gospel shows us hope fulfilled by the power of Christ's deeds. Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and cures many others from the city who were sick and possessed. We feel hope for ourselves when we see what Jesus can do for the whole city and even more so for humanity when he says: *"Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do"* (**Mark 1.29**). In this case hope fulfilled becomes reality. Let us pray that we continue to hold to our hope in Christ.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

JOB 7.14, 6-7

PSALM 147

1 CORINTHIANS 9.16-19, 22-23

MARK 1.29-39

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

There is a Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga **February 16-18, 2018**. The retreat will be preached by the Centre team — Oblate Fr. Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent.

For more information or to register, please call (905) 278-5229.

MARY WARD CENTRE: JOIN ECOLOGICAL MINISTRY

You are invited to attend a lecture on Flourishing of Life for All, sponsored by the Joint Ecological Ministry and the Mary Ward Centre. The special guest speaker is Dr. Heather Eaton. Joint Ecological Ministry (JEM) is a collaboration of religious communities and partners using their resources to promote caring for Creation and living within planetary limits. The lecture focuses on the power and responsibility of religious communities to be a prophetic voice for action on climate change. Ideas for collective action will be presented with a toolkit on how Congregations can get involved.

Heather Eaton is a professor at Saint Paul University. She has a PhD in ecology, feminism, theology and religious pluralism. Her recent work looks at religious imagination, evolution, peace and conflict studies on gender, ecology, religion, animal rights and non-violence.

The event takes place on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018, from 7:30pm-9:00pm** at the Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary Street. No registration is required.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration.

The Mass takes place on Sunday, **February 11, 2018**, at 3:00PM at Blessed Trinity Parish (3320 Bayview Ave.) A reception will follow. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more information. Registration closes February 6.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin the season of Lent with your St. Basil's Parish community by attending Mass on **Wednesday, February 14** at any of the following times:

7:30am, 12:10pm, 5:10pm, or 7:00pm

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Lenten Black Books will be on sale in the vestibule of the church after all Masses on **February 10/11** for \$2.00. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Lenten season.

LENTEN LISTENING: A BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

An opportunity for young adults from different areas of the Archdiocese of Toronto to experience the gift of Spiritual Accompaniment this Lent!

The retreat will begin with a group gathering. In the six weeks between these gatherings, you will be invited to spend 15 minutes a day in prayer and meet with a spiritual companion in your area 3 times for 1 hour.

The retreat opens with the Eucharist followed by a very light supper and a brief introduction/meeting with your spiritual companion at Regis College on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018) at 6:30-9:30pm, and closing with Easter.

Cost - \$35; Registration is required by Thursday, February 5. Contact Kataryna Ryba at faithconnections@csj-to.ca for more information or to register.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 28, 2018 \$ 6,489.80



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 4TH — 10TH

SUNDAY 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Hilary DeSouza (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Vito Lozupone (+)
4:30pm Rebecca Beaton (liv.)

MONDAY **St. Agatha**

7:30am Denise Kitchen (liv.)
12:10pm

TUESDAY **St. Paul Miki and Companions**

7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm Hai Luen Liu (+), Jésus(+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am The Thalheimer Family
12:10pm Michael Ciavarella (liv.)

THURSDAY

7:30am Howard and Jackie Bryce (+)
12:10pm Emilia Frassica (+), Antonietta Pampino (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Richard Teh (liv.)
12:10pm Mary LeNoir Kierans (+)

SATURDAY **St. Scholastica**

5:00pm

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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