

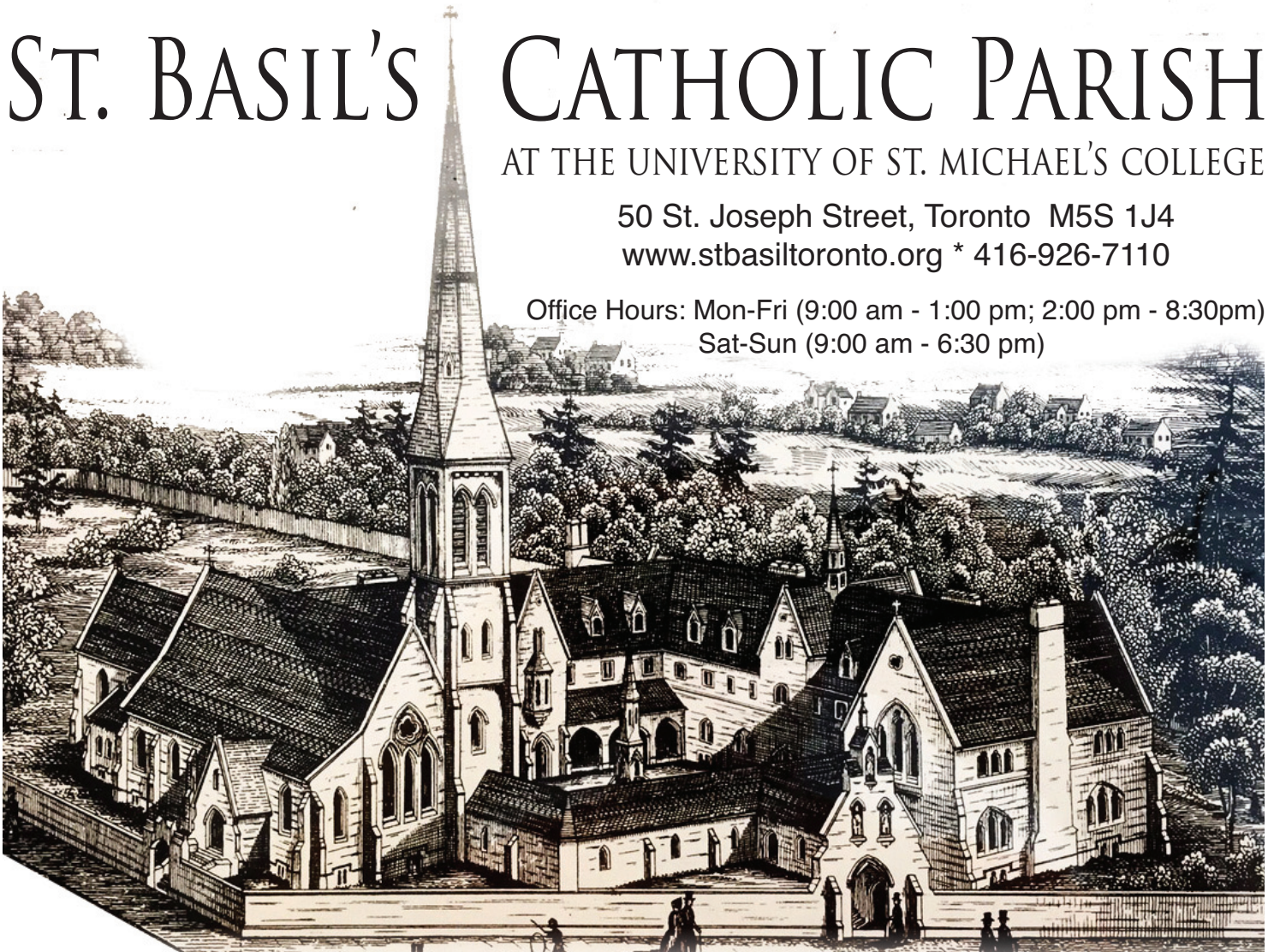
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5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
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## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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For 160 years (1856-2016), 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!

## A PRECIOUS GIFT

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

The readings of this week are all about introductions and offerings. In our first reading Isaiah introduces us to the servant of the Lord. The Lord says to the servant, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." The Lord's servant will restore the relationship between the people of Israel and the Lord. This restoration will enable the people of Israel to be a light for all nations. What a precious gift to receive a calling from the Lord; a call to go out into the world and bring people to God through word and deed.

In our second reading we are introduced to Saint Paul who is writing to the people of Corinth and presenting them with a precious gift. The purpose of Paul's letter is to guide the people of Corinth away from sinful practices and once again form one body united in Christ Jesus. In his introduction, Paul reminds the people of Corinth that they are "called to be saints." By being "sanctified in Christ Jesus" everyone has received the love and grace of Jesus Christ: a beautiful gift that calls the people of Corinth to share that love with the world.

Finally, we are presented with the greatest introduction and gift of all in the gospel. "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time we are presented with an extraordinary gift. John the Baptist announces that Jesus is the Lamb of God who existed before all things and now dwells on earth as the Son of God who will redeem all of humanity. The incarnation of Jesus Christ ensures that all of humanity will receive the gift of salvation that can only be found through his death and resurrection.

These three readings have great meaning for our lives today. Through the waters of baptism, we have received the grace of Jesus Christ. Each time we accept the gift of the Eucharist we also accept that we are "called to be saints" and "a light to the nations." We are called to bring Christ's message out into the world. It is not unreasonable

to say that we are the servants that Isaiah speaks of in his writings. As we enter the season of ordinary time let each of us be thankful for the gifts we have received through Jesus Christ and be mindful of our baptismal call to serve others and bring Christ's love to all people.

*Sunday's Readings:*  
*Isaiah 49.3, 5-6*  
*1 Corinthians 1.1-3*  
*John 1.29-34*

## SERRA CLUB GATHERING

You are invited to join **Emily VanBerkum, our parish's Sacramental and Liturgical Coordinator**, for lunch and a discussion on the role of a Pastoral Associate on **Wednesday, January 18 beginning immediately after the 12:10pm Mass.**

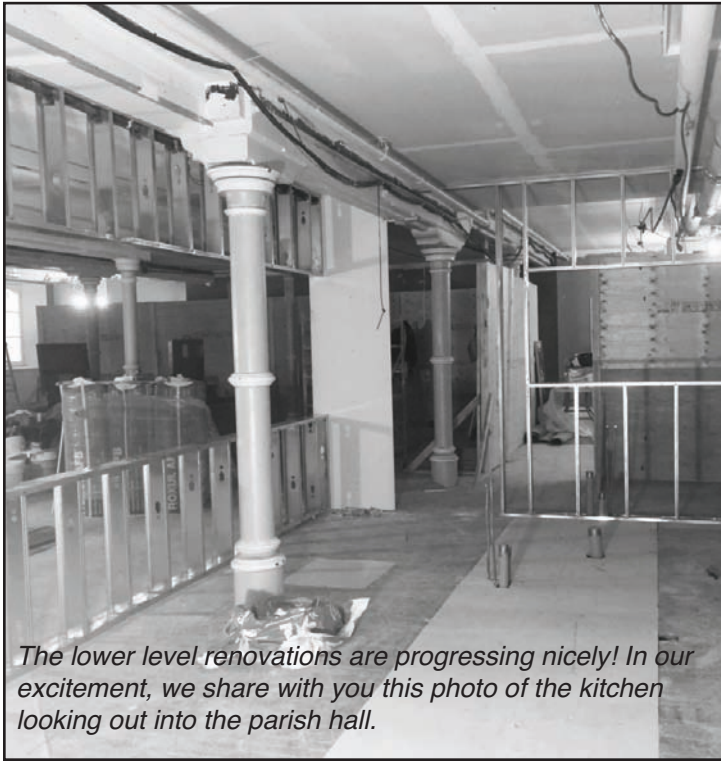
The short presentation and discussion will take place in the Senior Common Room (accessed through the west exit of St. Basil's through Scollard Park). Please RSVP to the parish office so that we may order you a lunch.

## PRESENTATION ON THE EUCHARIST

On **Wednesday, January 18**, Fr. Jim Carruthers, C.S.B. will offer our community a presentation on the Sacrament of Holy Communion. What is the Eucharist and what do Catholics believe about the real presence?

These questions and more will be answered in Charbonnel Lounge immediately following evening prayer at **7:00pm** in the church proper. All are most welcome- no pre-registration is required.

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: **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mariella, Sydney, :  
: Francis, Noelle, Julianna, and Elsa who received :  
: the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on :  
: Sunday, January 15 at the 12:00pm Mass! :  
: :  
: May you all continue to grow in relationship with :  
: Jesus the Good Shepherd now that you have :  
: received Jesus in the Eucharist! :  
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: .....



*The lower level renovations are progressing nicely! In our excitement, we share with you this photo of the kitchen looking out into the parish hall.*

### January 15 is the World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

The following is a brief excerpt from Pope Francis' letter inviting us to reflect on the struggle of child migrants, refugees, the vulnerable, and the voiceless:

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me” (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20). With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus’ teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest...”

*You may read the entire message, using the following link online:*

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160908\\_world-migrants-day-2017.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20160908_world-migrants-day-2017.html)

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 8, 2017      \$9,125.45

## MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 15th - 21st

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00am-	Theresa Kim (+)
10:30am-	Pro Populo
12:00pm-	Howard Shaughnessy (+)
4:30pm-	Gavin Miller (liv.)
<b>Monday</b>	
7:30am-	Antonio Cruz (+)
12:10pm-	Sr. Michelle Boissonneault (+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>
7:30am-	
12:10pm-	Monica Gannon (+)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</b>
7:30am-	
12:10pm-	Gaudenzio LoPresit (+)
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:30am-	Sr. Doryne Kirby, I.B.V.M (+)
12:10pm-	Catherine Pavlova (+)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sts. Fabian &amp; Sebastian</b>
7:30am-	
12:10pm-	Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Agnes</b>
5:00pm-	Rose McIver Hayden (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, and Jack Garvey.

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