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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

St. Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845).

We are the collegiate church of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, as well as being the parish church to our parishioners who come to worship here from all over the city.

Since October 2007, we have been the home of the National Televised Daily Mass, reaching people in their homes all over Canada. The Daily Mass is broadcast six day a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads, Television Network and Salt and Light TV.

PARISH STAFF

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Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Growing Attentive in our Senses

Leanna Cappiello

The Gospel reading, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?"

That is the question, isn't it... What exactly are we seeking?

It starts with a calling.

In the first reading, Samuel hears the Lord, and thinking that it is his father says to Eli, "Here I am, for you called me." Samuel's immediate impression is that this voice came from a real source, a person, someone he knows well. When Eli finally realizes that Samuel is actually hearing the voice of the Lord, he gives his son instructions as to how to respond, "You shall say, 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening'." Once Samuel repeats these words, making himself available to God, he gains divine companionship for the rest of his life. We are all called to this companionship with God. This demonstrates that He is always calling us individually to be with Him.

But how do we recognize Him when He calls? The reading from Corinthians adds another component to our encounter with God. Our bodies are described as "members of Christ" and a "temple for the Holy Spirit", and we are taught to "Glorify God in your body." Sounds pretty clear: our bodies are not only holy, but are vessels for a profound love, and way to experience this love through our

senses.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Notice that all of the seven sacraments have a physical component so that we may experience God's love, not as a willy-nilly fantasy, but as a profound reality. Take Eucharist for example. When attend Mass, all our senses are engaged: the lighting for our eyes, incense for our smell, prayers for our ears, the sign of peace for our touch, and the bread for our taste. We are absolutely and totally present in what we call the penultimate prayer: when Jesus fully offers Himself to us, and we respond in total thanksgiving. *This* is love. Wouldn't you want to recognize it? To be fully aware, alive and awake for this moment?

This is how we encounter.

We are called, and the physical realities are made available to us, to listen and respond. We know that Christ is ever-present and perpetually calling us. It is time to make ourselves acute and accustomed to hearing His voice.

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20; John 1.35-42.

RCIA AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION

RCIA resumed on January 14th at 7 PM. Please continue to pray for all our catechumens and candidates on their journey. Our next round of Marriage Preparation began on January 14th for couples getting married at St. Basil's this year. Please keep these couples, also, in your prayers

PIANO CONCERT: *FEBRUARY 7TH, 2015 @ 7:30 PM (*please note date change)

FRIDAY: Piano and clarinet duo Adam Żukiewicz and Peter Stoll perform a varied programme including Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata (abbreviated transcription by Jack Brymer), Schumann's Violin and Piano Sonata no. 1 (transcription by Stephen Korody-Kreutzer), as well as the recent work, Follow me, by Canadian composer John Beckwith.

Admission is free, donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's.

MAT-PAT LEAVE GROUP

All moms and dads on Maternity and Paternity leave are welcome to join us as we gather in the Parish Hall on Thursdays at 2:30pm. Warm, caffeinated beverages will be provided for the parents, and clean mats available for infants and toddlers. As always: BYOB, bring-your-own-baby!

THE SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Toronto Downtown meets in Charbornel Lounge on Wednesday Jan.21 following the 12:10 parish mass. The speaker will be Charles Lewis, former columnist with the National Post on the topic of Euthanasia. Guests are welcome. RSVP Anne MacCarthy 416-964-8694

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with him.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, January 11, 2015

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BASIL'S CHURCH.....



Before the platforms were removed



After the platforms were removed.



View from back high Altar



View of the original 1877 ceramic mosaic tile and placement of the Altar rail.



January 18 – 24, 2015

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Sunday	
9:00 -	Teresa Zbiciak Wojcik (liv.)
10:30 -	Pro Populo
12:00 -	Claudette Kneider +
4:30 -	Bruce and Nada Dancy (liv.)
Monday	
7:30 –	Llane Family (liv.)
12:10 -	Helene Charlier +
5:10 -	Mark, Josephine Amurao & family
	(liv.)
Tuesday	
7:30 –	Souls in Purgatory
12:10 -	Antonina Agueci +
5:10 –	Jerry and Elvie Bangay & famiy (liv.)
Wednesday S	t. Agnes
7:30 –	Special Intentions of Donor
12:10 -	Vocations Mass
4:00 -	Televised Daily Mass
5:10 –	Televised Daily Mass
Thursday	
7:30 –	John Davis (liv.)
12:10 –	Victoria Burdeos and family (liv.)
4:00 -	Televised Daily Mass
5:10 -	Televised Daily Mass
Friday	
7:30 –	Gleniss & Bob Jarvis (liv.)
12:10 -	Bruno Navera +
4:00 -	Televised Daily Mass

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, and Hilary McCormack.

Televised Daily Mass

Jenaette MacNeil +

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

Saturday – St. Francis de Sales

5:10 -

5:00 -



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