

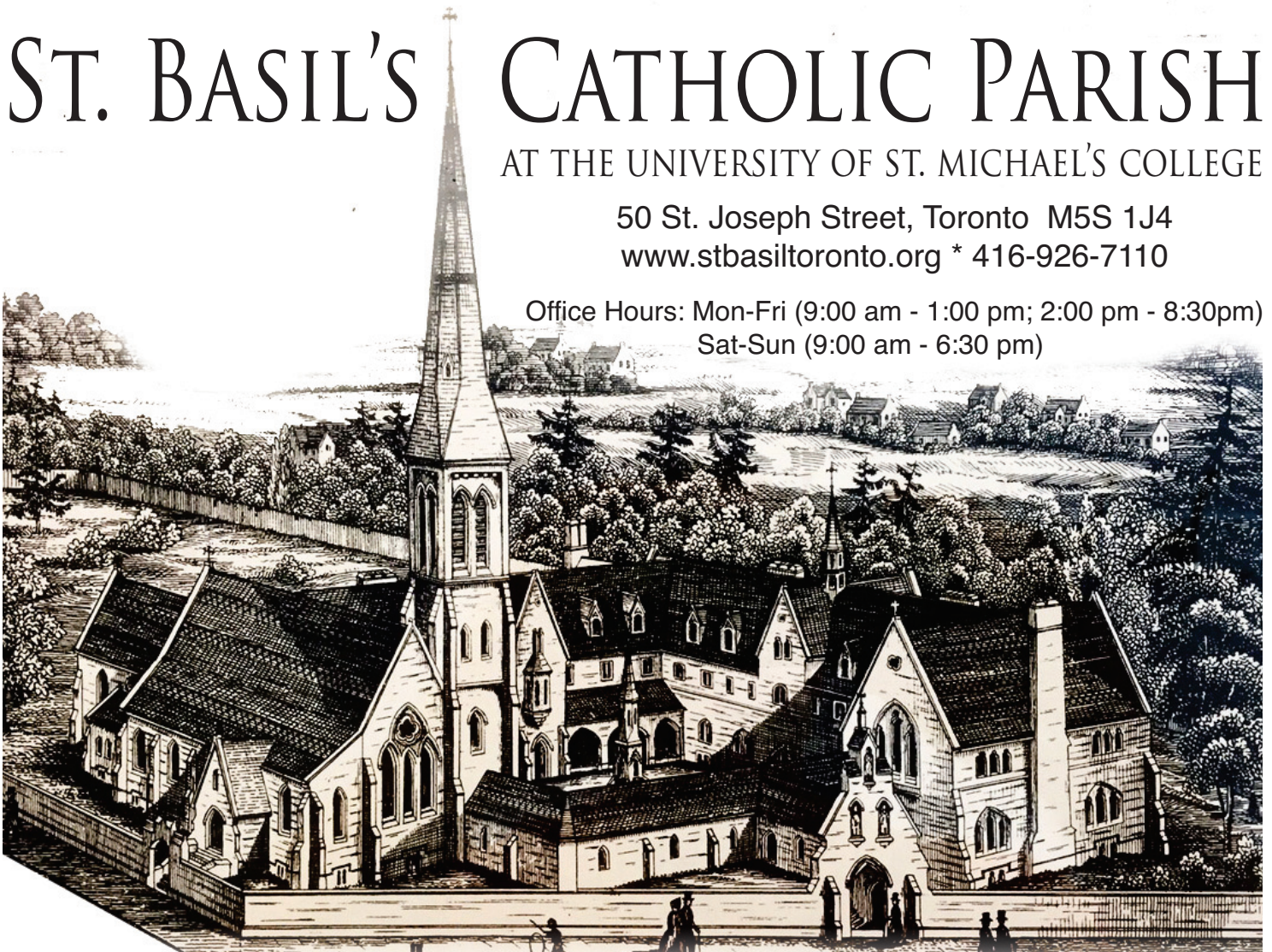
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5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
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For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the 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!

## THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

By Emily VanBerkum

I find it very interesting and relatable that even after Jesus' resurrection, his disciples continue to ask clarifying questions. Thomas asks for clarity on how to remain a follower of Christ since it was unclear where Jesus was going. In a documentary on Christology, Bishop Barron commented that some religious leaders or spiritual gurus throughout history have directed their followers' attention to a method, theory, or way of living. Jesus Christ drew followers to *himself* saying "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The Gospels are full of stories in which we have plenty of evidence that Jesus spoke and acted in "the very person of God." Jesus did not simply offer followers a spiritual methodology, he gave of himself as the embodiment of the way to God directly- as the very wellspring through which God's own love and compassion, power and awe flow.

Still confused, Philip asks to see the Father. Even after witnessing great miracles, and participating in Jesus' earthly ministry, Philip demands that Jesus show him the very source of his authority. Jesus simply replies "believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." I cannot really fault Thomas. It is very human to want proof. Also, theologians have wrestled with Christ's divine Sonship for centuries. However, in this passage, Jesus asserts that- as God- His works speak for themselves and that, incredibly "the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."

In this statement, Jesus effectively answers both Thomas and Philip. By the power of the resurrection, believers in Christ were granted a permanent relationship and that modeling Christ as the Way is a sign of our own participation in God's words and works on earth.

*Sunday's Readings:*

*Acts 6.1-7*

*1 Peter 2.4-9*

*John 14.1-12*

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

## CONFERENCE ON CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

The Canadian Bioethics Institute invites you to a Conference on Conscience Rights on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017** from 5:00-9:00pm (University of St. Michael's College, The Coop, Brennan Hall- 81 St. Mary Street). The Conference includes an overview of federal and provincial laws regulating euthanasia and assisted suicide; issues arising from these laws will be addressed by theologians, healthcare professionals, such as Bishop Ronald Fabbro, CSB, and Moira McQueen. The cost of this Conference is \$60. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ccbi-utoronto.ca](http://www.ccbi-utoronto.ca), or call 416-353-4224.

## SERRA CLUB LUNCHEON TALK

Serra Club will be hosting a luncheon talk on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017 immediately following the 12:10pm Mass dedicated to Vocations**. The talk will be presented by **Randy Boyagoda**, writer, critic, academic and most recently, Principal and Vice-President of the University of St. Michael's College. The lunch and talk will take place in the Sr. Common Room (Brennan Hall on the USMC campus). Please RSVP by calling the parish office. All are welcome.

**A MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION**  
By Marilena Berardinelli

One of the family ministries at St. Basil's is our Baptism Preparation class. In the class a significant amount of time is dedicated to exploring what it means for parents (and godparents) to live as priest, prophet, and king and by extension to raise children in this tradition. Today's second reading which calls Christians "to be a holy priesthood" is not Paul's attempt at spiritual prose, but an invitation echoed in the Rite of Baptism—a roadmap to living as a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Baptism Preparation class underlines that living as priest is not exclusive to those wearing a roman collar, but the vocation of each baptized lay person to live a life of joyful sacrifice. The couples present are asked to recognize the sacrifices they make for their children, families, neighbors, and world, and identify where the Spirit is calling them to grow in this respect. I am always humbled by these sharings, especially by those made by the moms in attendance.

As a mom of three small children (6, 4 and 9 months) I am keenly aware that my life is lived in service to these children entrusted to me by God. Like the moms in the class I have sacrificed my body (birthing three children makes the words of consecration "this is my body given up for you" deeply profound and intimate), my career, my couple/"me" time, and frankly, any hope of an uninterrupted and worry free night of sleep.

Mother's Day is an occasion to recognize this sacrifice as more than just "stuff" moms do, but from a Christian perspective to celebrate the women in our lives who faithfully and authentically seek to live their "holy priesthood".

Mother's Day is also an opportunity for the greater Body of Christ to reflect on how we minister to moms. In our everyday Church experiences how do we nurture their distinct spirituality (especially in the early years of motherhood) and how do we listen to and care for moms as they sacrifice and care for their children?

May today's Mother's Day celebrations be an inspiration for all Christians to nurture our common baptismal mission to give of ourselves without counting the cost.

To all our mothers in the pews and beyond our doors, I echo the words of Pope Francis and thank you for what you are for your family and what you give to the Church and the world. Happy Mother's Day!

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:**

Sunday, May 7, 2017      \$6,281.26



**MASS INTENTIONS**

MAY 14th - 20th

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Vera Adalot Pro Populo Lina Ciavarella (+) Marian & Zofia Kupfer (+)
<b>Monday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Lorena Vicente (liv.) Princess & Bala Vanniasinkam (liv.)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Caterina Ciavarella (+), Reg Parker (+), and Stefan & Anna Papez (+)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Fr. Donovan (liv.) Frank, Monica, & Mary Gannon (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	John Angus (+) Lorena Vicente (liv.) & Edward (Ted) Carlton (+)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Fr. Daniel Donovan (liv.) Norman Wong (+)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm-	Howard Shaughnessy (+)

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, Jack Gervais, and Barbara MacMahon-Firestone.

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