

MAY 6, 2018 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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5:00 pm (Sat);
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LOVE

by Lisa Fernandes

Love is the focus of today's readings. Jesus starting in Mark 12:28 states that love of God and love of one's neighbour are of utmost importance. In the Bible, there are four types of love identified: *storge* (empathy), *philia* (friendship), *eros* (erotic) and *agape* (God's unconditional love). It is this unconditional love from God that is discussed today.

In the first reading, we read about Gentiles being given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit is God by extension they are being given the gift of love.

In the second reading we are asked to: "... love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4.7-8)

Since 1856, 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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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

Love is such an important part of the Bible that Pope Benedict's first encyclical called *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) dealt with love, and Pope Francis referred to it in Feb 2016 on its 10th anniversary when he said: "God does not simply have the desire or capacity to love; God is love: charity is his essence, it is his nature."

God's love is unconditional; his love is very different from the love we often experience with one another because it is not based on feelings. He doesn't love us because we please him. He loves us simply because He is love.

This theme of unconditional love for one another continues in the Gospel where Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us: "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" **(John 15.12-13)**

By asking us to love one another as God loves us, he is setting out a high standard of love. Recent events have made me realize that perhaps that standard is reachable. In the recent tragedy on Yonge St, strangers showed love for the victims of the van rampage as they lay injured in the street; many rushed to the aid of people they did not even know. And as the first reading tells us, the love of God is for all nations. And both the victims and the Good Samaritans in this tragedy represented the diversity of nations that live in Toronto: "*...God shows not partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.*" **(Acts 10.34-35)**

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us what love of neighbour is. We have just seen an example of how this can be real.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ACTS 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

PSALM 98

1 JOHN 4.7-10

JOHN 15.9-17

PARISH BBQ & MINISTRY FAIR

Parish staff is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Parish BBQ and Ministry Fair on **Sunday, May 20 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** in Scollard Park.

In order to help us plan better, please RSVP by May 14 to the event by visiting <https://bit.ly/2w5QeWC> or by following the link on the homepage of the St. Basil's Website and Facebook page.

If you are available to lending a helping hand at the BBQ, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x3210

DIVIDED WE FALL

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops – Canada Rabbinic Caucus Dialogue is hosting a public event in Toronto the evening of **Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 pm**. The event is being held at the Beth Tzedec Congregation - 1700 Bathurst Street (just south of Eglinton). At the event, guests are invited to watch a screening of a movie entitled, "Divided We Fall", a story about a Czech Catholic couple who saved a Jewish man during the Holocaust.

Two representatives of the dialogue (Jewish and Catholic) will provide a response & reflection to the movie following the screening. Guests will also be invited to pose a few questions and comments afterwards as well.

This event is a demonstration of Catholic – Jewish dialogue through the medium of art. If you are in the Toronto area, please consider attending the event to learn more about how Jewish – Catholic dialogue is happening on the national level in Canada between The Canada Rabbinic Caucus and The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please confirm attendance in advance by contacting: akimmel@cija.ca

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

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MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

Here at St. Basil's, we are continuing our tradition to celebrate Mother's Day by treating our mothers and loved ones to some special baked good on **Sunday, May 11** after all Masses! All proceeds go towards supporting our Outreach Ministries.

In gratitude for all that our mothers and special mother-figures in our life do, we hope you will take some extra time show your love for her on this special day.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, April 29, 2018 \$ 4,370.80



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 6TH — 12TH

SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am May Tipkanok (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Giovanna Panico (+)
4:30pm Aida Abuel (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Stan Castellarin (+)
12:10pm Andrew Cox (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
12:10pm Teresa Fung and Family

THURSDAY

7:30am Yenukunme Chantal Djôssu (liv.)
12:10pm

FRIDAY

7:30am Mitzi Laggameo (liv.)
12:10pm Feliciano Macalino (+)

SATURDAY


5:00pm Carmen D'Cruz (+)

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

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