

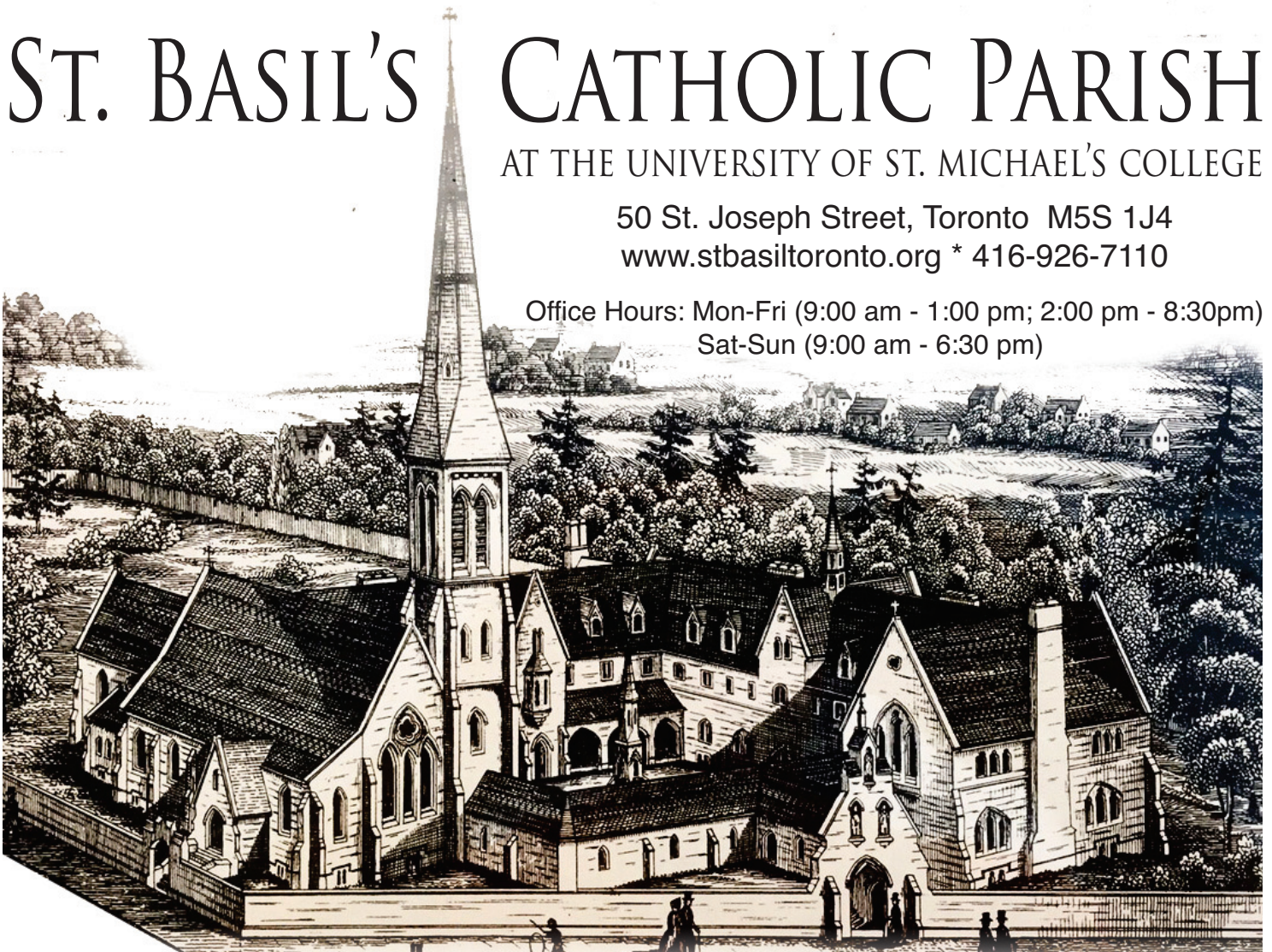
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ARCHITECT MICHAEL HAYS' ORIGINAL DRAWING OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE & ST. BASIL'S CHURCH (1855)

SUNDAY MASSES

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

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!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
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THE LOVE OF A SHEPHERD

By: Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

In the Atrium of Saint Basil's there is a sheepfold. This simple wire gate on a round piece of wood serves as a gateway for the children of the Atrium to personally encounter the Good Shepherd. Every week children sit and work with the sheepfold. The children open the gate and move each individual sheep behind the Good Shepherd as he leads them out.

The children move each sheep with care and concern, knowing that the Good Shepherd loves and knows each one by name. In the Atrium the focus is on the essential and the intimate. Even though the 3 year old may neither fully comprehend or articulate that the Good Shepherd is Jesus and they are the sheep, they feel a pulling to this material that allows them to feel like the sheep in the parable; overflowing with the love of, and love for, the Good Shepherd.

Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel today, "Very Truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep." The presentation of the Good Shepherd material is not the first presentation the children in the atrium receive but it is a gate leading to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. None of us can fully appreciate the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ if we do not first have an immense love for the compassionate Good Shepherd who considers us to be His own.

As adults it is hard to not only openly admit our love for the Good Shepherd but to also openly receive His love. When this moment is presented to adults using the materials of the Atrium it leaves them shaken as they are called to remember that they are known by the Good Shepherd despite their feelings of abandonment.

Children do not find comprehending the love of the Good Shepherd difficult. They openly receive love and unconditionally respond with love.

As they grow with this parable they come to outwardly express their strong love for the Good Shepherd who serves as a source of comfort and

strength. When presenting this material to Senior Kindergarten children last month one child exclaimed, "I think the Good Shepherd is Jesus!" As a catechist it was a moment of great joy to watch her fall in love with Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. While she did not realize that she is also present amongst the sheep her exclamation of joy demonstrates the desire we all have to have a relationship with our loving, gentle, and compassionate Saviour.

This moment we hear in the Gospel today is about awe, intimacy, and love. For Jesus also tells us, in the Gospel of Matthew, to become humble like a child. May today serve as an invitation for us to connect to the childlike love we have for the Good Shepherd as we are reminded of the all-encompassing love that the Good Shepherd has for us, the sheep of his flock.

Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

1 Peter 2.20b-25

John 10.1-10

WOMEN AND MISSION TODAY LECTURE

The Mary Ward Centre will be hosting a talk on Women and Mission Today: Combating Human Trafficking—The Theology and the Stories. The guest speaker is Imelda Poole (IBVM English Province), who has been on mission in Albania for 11 years, established Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Tirana, Albania to combat trafficking. Imelda is President of RENATE, a European network seeking to end human trafficking and rehabilitate victims.

We invite you to join us on the evening of **Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm at The Mary Ward Centre (70 St. Mary Street)** to hear Imelda speak.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Ann at mcgowan@marywardcentre.ca or call 647-259-2951.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CONFERENCE

The Canadian Christian Meditation Community's Biennial National Conference will be held at St. Michael's College, 50 St Joseph St, Toronto on the weekend of **May 26-28, 2017**.

The theme of the conference will be 'Journeying Towards Spiritual Wholeness.' The keynote speaker will be Fr. Paul Geraghty, one of Dom John Main's earliest followers. The registration fees are \$355 Single/\$310 (per person); Double residential or \$245 for Commuters. For the Conference flyer and registration form please go to <wccm-canada.ca> or call 647-995-9282.

Our Out of the Cold ministry resumed last week with a grand reopening (roast beef sandwiches, chicken soup, and plenty of baked in-house desserts!). To focus their energy and prayerfully begin preparations for meal service and hospitality, volunteers begin the morning shift by saying the following prayer (written by an Out of the Cold volunteer):

A Prayer of Service

As a universal family, strengthen our bond and help us to humbly serve our brothers and sisters as Christ served us.

Through Christ, our model, guide us in living charitably and fill us always with a sacred, affectionate, and humble respect for one another.

Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

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

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 goods on **Sunday, May 14** after all Masses! All proceeds go towards ministries in our new kitchen.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

*Collection total was not available
at time of publication.*



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 7th - 13th

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
9:00am- Eulogio Potes Jr. (+)
10:30am- Pro Populo
12:00pm- Mariano Chua Yu King (+)
4:30pm- Anne Gregoire (+)

Monday
7:30am-
12:10pm- Andrew Cox (+)

Tuesday
7:30am-
12:10pm- Grace D'Souza (+)

Wednesday
7:30am-
12:10pm- Tessa Shillingford (liv.)

Thursday
7:30am- Feliciano Macalino (+)
12:10pm- Michael & Alexandra

Friday
7:30am- Mitzi Lagdameo (liv.)
12:10pm- Barbara Szymanski (liv.)

Saturday
5:00pm- Romeo (Bobby) Martinez (+)

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, Sue Lockwood, and Barbara MacMahon-Firestone.

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