

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.

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!

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







St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

## PARISH STAFF

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By Chris Valka, CSB

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we become more aware that everything is temporary. The warm, sunny, full days of summer have turned barren as the winter cold sets in. What was once full of life and color is seemingly lost.

These physical signs echo the spiritual life. In our Gospel, Jesus speaks of the temple – all that you see here – the day will come when not one stone will be left unturned. In the scriptures, the temple is often a metaphor for our own lives, so the message is not one for the past, but the present. Jesus is telling us that the day will come when God will seem to disappear; when Jesus will be silently in the grave; when our prayer seems dry and barren.

Perhaps in our marriage, our employment, our vocation, our environment – in some way – for reasons quite unexplainable to us – the lives we have worked so hard to build – the ideals we have tried so hard to hold on to – they will all come down not leaving one stone unturned.

So how are we to respond? Do we journey through life filled with anxiety as we wait for misery to strike? No, for Jesus tells us that we cannot prepare for what may come, but we are to trust that we will be given all that we need for the moment.

And herein lies the question and the lesson: In what do we put our trust? Is it in the temple of our lives that we have built? In our accomplishments, our abilities, our relationships? Or is it in God?

We all know what we would like to say, but can we truly say it? You cannot until you have lived it. You cannot rehearse these moments. You cannot confidently say you trust in God until you have nothing left of your own making to trust.

Real trust is all or nothing. But the good news is that as hard as trust is, it is always worth it. So be strong and have faith. It all came down around our ancestors and we stand here as evidence that it all rose again. We are not exempt from this story.

Sunday's Readings: Malachi 4.1-2 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12 Luke 21.5-19

# PRESENTATION ON MUSIC IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This Wednesday, November 16 St. Basil's hosts a presentation on music in the Catholic Church with our very own Director of Music and Principal Organist, John Paul Farahat. Our gathering will begin with evening prayer at 7:00pm in the church (followed by the talk at 7:15pm in the Coop, Brennan Hall, on the USMC campus).

John Paul offers us a brief music survey in the Catholic Tradition by exploring why music is a form of prayer, how music leads us into greater participation in the Liturgy, and what kind of music is considered appropriate for Catholic worship. RSVP not required. All are welcome to attend!

## HANDEL'S DIXIT DOMINUS AND VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Sunday, November 20, at 7:30pm \$30 general admission, \$20 seniors, \$10 students

Antonio Vivaldi served for almost 40 years at the Ospedale della Pietà orphanage, where boys were not admitted; there he gave instruction to an exclusive ensemble "privileggiate di coro." The soprano and alto sections of the Schola Cantorum offer this Gloria as an homage to the brilliant work of Vivaldi at his Church of La Pietà. The genius of a youthful Handel created the thrilling Dixit Dominus, a grand work featuring double choir and orchestra. Mozart wrote "Handel understands effect better than any of us — when he chooses, he strikes us like a thunderbolt."

Founded in 2012 by Daniel Taylor, the University of Toronto Schola Cantorum aims to present the brilliant early choral and instrumental repertoire from across the centuries to a new audience. The group's interpretations strive to recreate the original performances of musical works - interpretations led by the energy and insights of the gifted students themselves - in the belief that historical performance ideals and knowledge of the old world are essential for creating music anew.

For ticket purchase, please visit: https://performance.rcmusic.ca/event/u-tpresents-handels-dixit-dominus-vivaldis-gloria

## SERRA CLUB PRESENTATION

Sponsored by the Serra Club, please join after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, November 16 for lunch and a presentation by Andrew Santos, a young man who is a Pastoral Assistant (Youth) at St Justin the Martyr Parish in Unionville. Andrew will speak about his interesting experience at the recent World Youth Day event. Proceed across the courtyard outside the parish hall and go to the 2nd floor of Brennan Hall, Senior Common Room, for the luncheon talk. Serrans pray for and promote vocations to the Priesthood, Deaconate and Religious Life. All are welcome to this event. To register, please contact the Parish Office.

## ST. BASIL'S READER'S GROUP

St. Basil's Reader's Group will gather for the third time to discuss *Being Generous: The Art of Right Living* with the authors themselves present, John Dalla Costa and Lucinda Mary Vardey, parishioners of St. Basil's Parish. Please feel free to attend no matter how little or how much you have read. The group will meet on **Tuesday**, **November 22 at 7:00pm in room 006**. Light refreshments are served. For further information or questions, contact dorismarcon@rogers.com

## **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Are you planning to have your child baptized at St. Basil's, or have you been recently asked to serve as a Godparent? Please note that our parish's baptismal preparation classes have ended for the calendar year. We will resume in January with the following 2017 schedule:

January 28, 2017 (10:00am-12:00pm) February 25, 2017 March 25, 2017 May 27, 2017 June 24, 2017 September 30, 2017 October 28, 2017 November 25, 2017

To register for a class or to get more information, please email emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 6, 2016 \$6,843.00



**Sunday** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- Juan Carlos Casas (+)

10:30am- Pro Populo 12:00pm- Ian Nairne (+)

4:30pm- Joseph Laforgia (+)

Monday

7:30am- Dominik & Kelby (liv.)

12:10pm- Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+)

Tuesday Saint Albert the Great

7:30am- Dr. Teofilo Calimlim (+)

12:10pm- Fiorina & Ernesto Di Pede (+), and St.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (+)

Wednesday Saints Margaret & Gertrude

7:30am- Anne Gregoire (+) 12:10pm- Adam Roser (liv.)

**Thursday** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30am-

12:10pm- Frank, Monica & Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

Friday

7:30am-

12:10pm- Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

**Saturday** 

5:00pm- Sumintra Gangasigh (+), Pamela Chin

(+), & Jocelyn Weeks (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, and Tina Sibbald.

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