# CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

Administered by the Basilian Fathers

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

ST. BASIL'S

## 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

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

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

For 161 years (1856-2017), 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: Associate Pastor: Office Manager: Director of Music: Assistant Organist: Director of Pastoral Ministries: Jessica De Luca **Community Coordinator:** Director of Family Ministries: Evening Office Assistant:

Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Margaret D'Elia I.P. Farahat Stefani Bedin Michael Pirri Marilena Berardinelli Stela Tudor

## USE IT OR LOSE IT

by Michael Pirri

Every time I meet with an individual who is interested in volunteering, I start out by getting to know what they like doing in their spare time. What is it that they are passionate about, or that they enjoy doing the most? We are quite fortunate that our volunteering parishioners bring a wealth of understanding, knowledge, and expertise to their tasks here at St. Basil's.

I believe it is important that volunteers are able to deepen their faith experience through volunteer work; I know, for instance, that music is an integral part of my faith life. My work in music ministry has been, and continues to be, a lasting source of energy for my faith journey. In part, this is why I seek to find what drives others in our community – my hope for them is that they are able to experience a deepening of faith through work just as I have.



Our Gospel reading allows us the opportunity to reflect on how it is we use our abilities, skills, resources, knowledge, and time; more specifically, how we use these to glorify God. "For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away." (Matthew 25. 29) I think it's important to acknowledge that the meaning of the parable extends far beyond financial investments. We must also note that the master does not compare the five talents against the two, because each slave was able to make as much as they could considering what they had been given.

God gives us all a wide variety of gifts and He expects us to be able to use them; we are tasked with refining them, no matter how big or small, to their fullest potential. I'm reminded of what I was told in French immersion school about speaking French — if you don't use it, you're going to lose it.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 Psalm 128 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6 Matthew 25.14-30

### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

A heartfelt thank you to all of you for your generous support of the special collection for our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul outreach ministry in early October. The \$ 8,287.45 raised has helped hundreds of our shut-ins, abused women, new immigrants, and Folks who are just down on their luck. God bless you!

### MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

We are currently updating our records for the Ministry of the Sick and Homebound. If you are already involved in this ministry, or are interested in learning more, please contact Jessica via email at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca or by phone at (416) 926-1300 x. 3413.

#### **ADVENT BLUE BOOKS**

The Advent Blue Books will be on sale in the vestibule of the church after all Masses on **November 25/26** for \$2.00. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

#### 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 remaining baptismal preparation class take place on the following dates in 2017:

• November 25, 2017

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

## TORONTO CATHOLIC DOCTORS' GUILD

Calling all Catholic physicians, residents and medical students! You are welcome to join for Vespers and Mass with Cardinal Collins, followed by an annual meeting and dinner.

Cardinal Collins will address the group during dinner regarding their role in spreading the Gospel in the profession. Meet other Catholic physicians, pray together and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The event takes place on Saturday **November 25, starting at 5:00PM** in Loretto College.

- Vespers begin at 5:00PM., Mass follows 5:30PM.
- Dinner will run from 6:45 to 9:30PM.

Please contact the Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild to RSVP or request more information. They can be reached via toronto.catholic.doctors@gmail.com

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Women are among the most vulnerable during times of war. But they are also important when it comes to creating and sustaining peace. Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help build it?

Next weekend, **November 25-26**, on the feast of Christ the King, Cardinal Collins invites you to participate in an archdiocesan weekend of action to put women at the heart of peace. You will be invited to sign a simple postcard from Development and Peace. It asks the federal government to give women around the world the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. Read more about it in the pamphlet found inside the bulletin.

## Faith in Focus

The **Faith in Focus** group meets following the 10:30AM coffee hour at 12:00PM in Decker meeting room. The next session takes place **November 26, 2017.** 

• **Preparing the way:** Come share the ways in which you spending advent preparing for the coming of Christ.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group, please contact Michael at (416) 926-7110 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

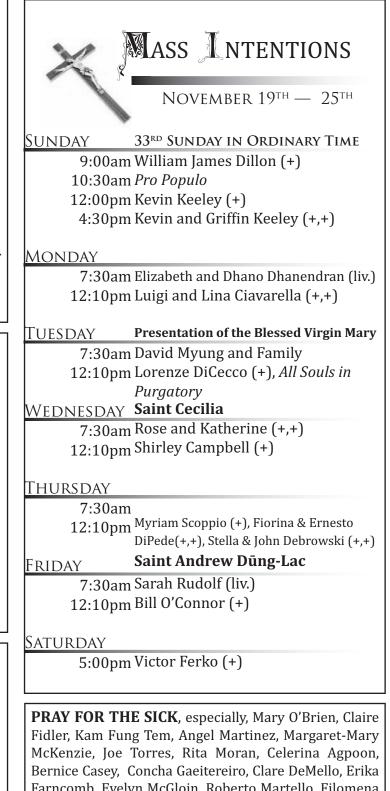
## 2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2018 Living with Christ Sunday Missals will be on sale in the vestibule of the church after all Masses on **November 25/26** for \$5.00. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

This year, we will also be offering an illustrated version, *Sunday Missal for Young Catholics* for \$10.00 suitable for children.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 12, 2017 \$ 13,340.20



Farncomb, Evelyn McGloin, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

#### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

