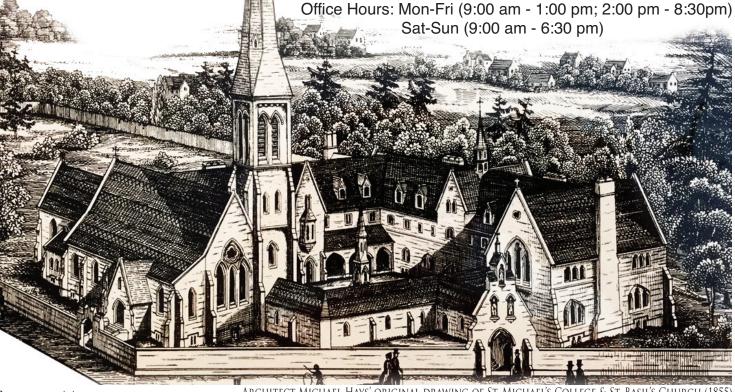
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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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



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"AND IN HIM, ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER"

By: Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

This week a line from Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians deeply resonated with me and helped me comprehend Christ's kingship. Paul tells us, "Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

This statement clearly tells us that Jesus Christ is king. Not only is he king, he is an exceptional king due to his divinity and humanity. These two attributes enable him to rule in a way that earthly monarchs and political leaders cannot. For through him, the Word of God, the entire universe was formed. Yet, he would come to actively share in creation as a human, as one born to poor parents, living his life as a nomad, and ultimately being put to death as a criminal. While Christ is before and above all things he actively participated in humanity, the joys and the immense pain. As king, he put his people first, dying for our sins. Having no money, no political power, or jewels he humbly gave his life for his people.

The gospel this week uses Christ's crucifixion to further highlight his kingship. Though this may appear to be in contrast with the hopeful season of Advent we are about to enter, these words are exactly what we need to hear right now, especially considering the current political climate. The child we are preparing for will grow into a man who rules with unity, humility, compassion and justice. For even on the cross Christ tells the criminal hanging beside him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." For we are Christ's people and our suffering is his suffering. Regardless of what we have done, regardless of our differences, Christ welcomes all who put their trust in him into his kingdom. He brings hope to his people, and that hope is something in which we need to cloak ourselves.

As believers in Christ may we use this season of Advent to actively work towards bringing about peace in our world through word, and thought, and deed. For every day we work for unity, Christ himself works through us, holding all things together, ruling the universe with love, compassion and hope.

Sunday's Readings: 2 Samuel 5.1-3; Colossians 1.12-20; Luke 23.35-43

ST. BASIL'S READERS GROUP

St. Basil's Readers 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.

PRESENTATION ON ECCLESIOLOGY

This Wednesday, November 23 John Dalla Costa offers a presentation on the Catholic study of ecclesiology, understood as the Church's spirituality and mission. John will explore various understandings of the word 'Church' and why community is an essential aspect of our relationship with God. Our gathering will begin with evening prayer at 7:00pm in the church (followed by the talk at 7:15pm in Fr. Madden Hall, Carr Hall, on the USMC campus).

No RSVP is required. All are most welcome to attend!

AWAKE THE VOICE IS CALLING US: CHRISTIAN HUMANISM IN MUSIC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 7:30PM

Rashaan Allwood presents a recital of organ music inspired by advent hymns. This lecture-recital will feature a fifteen minute introduction of humanism in Christianity and how that influenced the nature of German organ music. The chorales will be sung by the audience before each solo organ piece, so bring your singing voices! Admission is free, donations accepted towards the music programme of St. Basil's Catholic Parish.

Reminder: When lighting a devotional candle in the chuch, *please do not fold bills* when placing money in the safe.

'BUNDLE UP' DONATION DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support special works in the community. Bring your donations to the Society's truck for the upcoming **Bundle Up Weekend** next Saturday and Sunday-**November 26/27**.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Are you in grade 7 or 8 wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our preparation program runs every weekend in May, and the Sacrament of Confirmation is received on Pentecost (Sunday, June 4, 2017). If interested in enrolling, or to get more information, please email Emily at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca. Registration for this program ends December 15.

ALTAR LINEN LAUNDERER

St. Basil's is looking for a volunteer to launder the sacred linens. These linens are used daily and weekly for each Mass time and require cleaning weekly. This is a flexible duty and could be done during one's own time. If you are interested in caring for this aspect of the sacristy duties, contributing to the sanctity of the Church, please contact emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca for more information.

USMC TOY DRIVE

This Christmas season, the Office of Campus Ministry will be organizing its 2nd Annual USMC Toy Drive. Along with toys, we are also collecting cash donations so that we may purchase gift cards. Our campaign begins on Sunday, November 27 and ends on Friday December 9.

You may drop off a toy donation to our gift box in the parish office or donate cash with a labeled envelope indicating that the donation is meant for the toy drive to the parish office.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 13, 2016 \$7,071.76



Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am- Juan Carlos Casas (+)

10:30am- Pro Populo

12:00pm-4:30pm-Aline Thibodeau (+)

Monday Presentation of the Virgin Mary

7:30am-

12:10pm- Martha Wieland (+)

Tuesday Saint Cecilia

7:30am-

12:10pm- Shirley Campbell (+), Jane Dalton (+),

James & Eleanor Baker (+,+), and

Wednesday Elizabeth Donoso DeMartinez (+)

7:30am- Amparo Bumanglag (liv.)

12:10pm- Vocations

Thursday Saint Andrew Dung-lac

7:30am-

12:10pm- Bill O'Connor (+), David John Wingell

(+), and Lourdes Resuma (+)

Friday

7:30am-

12:10pm- Deceased members of the

Fernandes Family (+)

Saturday

5:00pm- Norma Villegas (+)

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, and Filomena La Rocca.

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