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

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

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

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

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CHRISTUS REGNAT

by John Dalla Costa

The Church year ends this week. All the dramatic episodes from the Gospels have been retold, and all our feasts commemorated. With Advent upcoming, we will begin again the ancient cycle of holy anticipation. Meanwhile, we pause in the full embrace of completion. Everything that happened with Jesus, all that he meant to his friends and followers, and all that he means to us now as his living church, is encapsulated in the title of Christ The King.

Biblical scholars remind us that Jesus spoke much more about kingdom than about church. Indeed, the inscription Pilate had affixed as a criminal indictment to the cross named "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Roman power was facetiously mocking anyone who dared contest imperial authority. Yet that scandal - of a king





hung horribly from a cross with rusty nails through hands and feet - is part of the mystery we commemorate today.

Remember that Jesus taught not that the kingdom was coming, but that it was already here, manifest in his time, as in ours. In the Gospel we are given the new terms for this unfolding reign: callous power will be usurped; the least will get the most; and those who are generous will find favour.

Jesus is explaining more than some regal or judicial code of retribution. The kingdom is present not because power structures will change, but because the very dignity of human beings has been shown in Jesus' life and work to be resplendent in vulnerability. None of us self-create, or self-succeed. Instead, we are born and raised in a complex web of dependencies, which in the end are not the source of our weakness, but rather for growing holiness.

Riches and power are not the problem. It is rather the illusion of independence that we derive from our wealth or position that stunts the possibilities for relationship. Honouring the self-emptied king on the cross, we recall that vulnerability is intrinsic to love - for creating and pondering beauty, and for realizing the ultimate freedom from the risks we face when being penitent, or being forgiving.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28 Matthew 25.31-46

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Thank you for your generous contributions to the November 18/19 Saint Vincent dePaul Bundle Up Weekend. Your donations have helped tremendously.

THANK 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.

RCIA UPDATE

Candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are drawing near to completing the period of the pre-catechumenate. As they grow in their journey of faith, they look forward to celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the order of catechumens on Sunday, December 3, during the 10:30am Mass.

This is the first time they will publically assemble as a group in front of the congregation and declare their intention to become members of the Church. We encourage you to attend the Mass and join them in celebrating this first reception and consecration. Your presence during the rite helps the Church fulfil Her apostolic mission of accepting and welcoming new members.

ADVENT VESPERS & MASS

Come join and mark the beginning of the Advent season with our Advent Vespers and Mass on **Saturday, December 2 at 5:00PM**. This wonderful service combines the ancient office of Vespers with the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This annual tradition marks the beginning of the Advent Season. Join us for a time of contemplation with prayer, chant and choral performances. All are welcome.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive takes place on the **December 2/3**. As we prepare for the colder months, we ask for your continued generosity and support. Although any contributions are most welcome, we are most in need of:

- Large format juices (ie: apple, grape, cranberry)
- Canned tuna, chicken, ham
- Mayonnaise
- Cookies
- Cream of chicken, mushroom, celery soups
- Tomato, vegetable canned soups
- Rotini, penne pasta for casseroles
- Small pasta suitable for soup
- Pasta sauce in jars

THANK YOU!

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Mark your calendars for a meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in the Taizé tradition. On **Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30PM,** join us as we prepare for Christmas through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x. 3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

A big thank from your Out of the Cold and Miller Group volunteers for your generous donations totalling \$1,569.

With these funds, we will be providing over 130 Christmas gift bags to our fellow brothers and sisters in need of a little support at this time of year.

THANK YOU!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 19, 2017 \$ 6,424.00



Sunday

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00am Maria Myunc and Family

10:30am Pro Propulo

12:00pm Pedro Perico Lim (+)

4:30pm Kevin and Griffen Keeley (+,+)

Monday

7:30am David Myung and Family (liv.)

12:10pm Kitty McAlearey (+)

Tuesday

7:30am Veena Moretto (liv.)

12:10pm Louisito Silang (+), Carlos Lugo Aquilar (+)

Wednesday

7:30am Tony Fallico (+)

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+)

THURSDAY St. Andrew, Apostle

7:30am Jenny and Charlie Angus (+,+)

12:10pm Mike Gregoire (+)

Friday

7:30am Lee Family (liv.)

12:10pm Grace and Gerard Keegan (+,+)

Saturday

5:00pm Jeanett and Lindsay MacNeil (+,+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Evelyn McGloin, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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