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

HOW GOD WORKS

by Lucinda M. Vardey

In Matthew's gospel Jesus explains that the grace of God usually works in paradox. One of these is turning around the emphasis of external desires, positioning, privilege, and being honoured by others. Jesus' way leads not so much to an egoless state of being (the sort of humility that takes years of purification to achieve) but to an awareness. We need to be aware of what we think or do that separates us from him.

The ego operates in a realm of self-emphasis, self-survival and self-protection. While a strong ego is never too much of a problem, the insidiousness of a fragile ego that longs for others' applause and recognition to boost its own false sense of worth, causes havoc with our souls.

If we consider the examples of some of our great saints, especially martyrs, we begin to see



what we need to do to gain an intimate relationship with Jesus beyond ourselves. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), a brilliant philosopher and Carmelite nun who lost her life at Auschwitz in 1942, leaves us some wisdom of how humility and exaltation work. In her book, Finite and Infinite *Being, she writes that the human task is to "progress from self-recognition to self-formation.*" She states that it is only from inhabiting our interior selves with self-reflection can "a life be properly lived." Only by knowing ourselves in Jesus, Stein explains, can our egos be "held by something other than the external world."

Through Jesus' direction to his disciples to not only focus, but live, with one Father in heaven and he as our instructor, then we open ourselves to be transformed. After a while we will be able to more naturally trust that God indeed is working in us and around us, and will more fully reveal the joy and abundance that is our due when we find satisfaction in not being noticed, acknowledged and applauded.

<u>Sunday's Readings:</u>

Malachi 1.14-2.2, 8-10 Psalm 131 1 Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13 Matthew 23.1-12

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace. This campaign invites Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peace building.

Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. On **November 24-25**, you're 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.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **November 18-19**. We accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. We don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. We donate the goods to families in need, exchange them for vouchers to help the needy, or sell them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you for your kind support.

FRENCH CONNECTION

Director of Music & Principal Organist John Paul Farahat presents the inaugural concert on the newly-restored organ of Saint Basil's Church featuring composers with connections and influences in France **this Friday**, **November 10**, **at 7:30PM**

In addition to works by Pierre Du Mage (1674 - 1751), Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937), and J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750), the concert will include the electrifying and newly-transcribed Première *Toccata improvisée on the Kyrie from Missa Orbis Factor* by Victor Togni (1935 - 1965), as well as Marcel Dupré's (1886 - 1971) *Cortège et Litanie*, and César Franck's (1822 - 1890) monumental *Choral no. 2 en si mineur*.

Admission is free, \$20 suggested donation towards the music program of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

Please contact JP at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca for more information.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Christmas is around the corner, and our outreach ministries of Out of the Cold and Miller Group are planning special lunch events including gift bags for all of our patrons. This year, we expect our Christmas Lunch will attract about 130 patrons.

Chartwells, the food provider for St. Michael's College, has generously donated a significant portion of the lunches we will be serving.

Our challenge now is to raise funds for gift bags containing essential health and hygiene products for 130 community members in need of a little hand-up.

How can you help us? You can buy a gift bag for \$10, to help cover the cost of the items purchased.On **November 18 and 19**, volunteers will be at the back of the church to accept your donation.

Thank you for your continued support in feeding our community in need 52 weeks a year, and in helping to make their Christmas a special and joyful time.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Jessica De Luca is the incoming Director of Pastoral Ministries of St. Basil's Catholic Parish.; prior to this, Jessica served as the coordinator for the R.C.I.A Program here at St. Basil's.

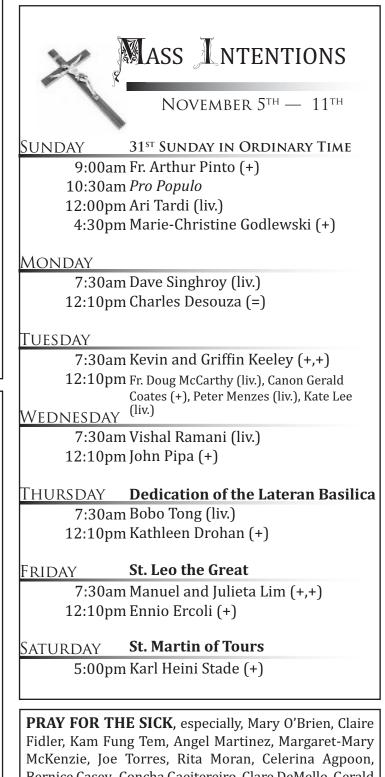
Jessica graduated from the Concurrent Education program at the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in 2014. During her undergraduate studies, Jessica focused on Christianity and Culture, and Religious Education for Adolescents. Upon graduation, Jessica furthered her education at the University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology, where she earned a Master of Theological Studies in 2016.

Jessica was very much involved in the community life in and around the University of St. Michael's College during her time as a student, where she was awarded the Thomas Cardinal Collins award in Christian Leadership.

Welcome Jessica!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 29, 2017 \$ 9,699.15



Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Gerald Dunlevie, Erika Farncomb, Evelyn McGloin, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Fr. Cecil Zinger, CSB, and Gerald Dunlevie

