

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 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

Pastor: Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
Associate Pastor: Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB
Office Manager: Margaret D'Elia
Director of Music: J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist: Stefani Bedin
Community Coordinator: Michael Pirri

Director of Family Ministries: Marilena Berardinelli

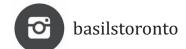
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HAPPY FEASTDAY!

by John Dalla Costa

Life-long Catholics who volunteer for the R.C.I.A. program at St. Basil's usually feel that they receive so much more than they give. As catechumens and candidates make their journey towards Christ, we who accompany them inevitably see our faith with fresh eyes. Once the Easter Vigil draws near, the excitement becomes infectious, as the awe and glee of those about to receive the sacraments sweep us all into extraordinary wonder of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.

Today's readings invite us to relish with quickened and grateful hearts the extraordinary banquet God so lovingly makes available to us each day. We often think that disbelief is the opposite of faith. But as we hear Jesus explain in the Gospel, the emptiness that most threatens





our communion with God is taking God's everoverflowing generosity for granted.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called our attention to the "sin of indifference." This complacency not only sanitizes God's gifts and circumscribes God's presence. It also deprives us of the deep joy from cherishing God's mercy and love.

There is no easy answer to the distinction Jesus makes that: "Many are called, but few are chosen." From the scriptures and lives of the saints we can surmise that, while many are called to listen to God's Word, few become the chosen by heeding with full-hearts what is heard.

Many are called to partake of the body of Christ, yet few are chosen by then embodying Christ to the hungry, angry, wounded and wounding world. Many are called to experience God's healing mercy, however few are chosen by making full use of their talents and gifts to spread forgiveness and peace.

Each of us have our own calling, and so each of us need to discern how we are to be chosen - through prayer, and in the needs of our families, friends, community, and church. This attentiveness to how we are special in our souls and capabilities is the cloak that earns us welcome in God's feast, because it honours the One who invited us by not taking that-of-God within us for granted.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 25.6-10 PSALM 23 PHILIPPIANS 4.12-14, 19-20 MATTHEW 22.1-14

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 on **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.

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club - Downtown Toronto invites you to a luncheon talk on **Wednesday**, **October 18**, **2017** by the Sisters of Life, who provide compassion and support to pregnant women. Learn more about their ministry and how they are attracting many young women to join them and become Sisters. This promises to be a very interesting and important topic.

The talk will take place on Wednesday, October 18 immediately after the 12:10 pm Mass in the Parish hall.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish office by Monday, October 16, 2017.

All are welcome

COME & SEE WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for men aged 17 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, November 3 at 7:00pm to Sunday, November 5, until 1:30pm. This weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Come to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call in your life. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic Priest.

Registration can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at (416) 968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

A RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

This summer marked 70 years since the post-war conference in Seelisberg (Switzerland) that many historians consider the beginning of modern Jewish-Christian dialogue. While tremendous steps have been taken in those seven decades, this anniversary provides an excellent opportunity to look back at how that vision has been lived out in the years since.

What have been some of the major achievements that have helped to transform this long-troubled relationship...what important tasks still remain unfinished in this 21st century? What is the state of Jewish-Christian relations in 2017, and what might its future look like? How are the issues that we grapple with today the same? Join Dr. Robert Ventresca and Dr. Adele Reihartz to explore the fascinating and relevant questions.

October 16, 2017, 7:00pm Regis College, 100 Wellesley St. W, Toronto

For more information, contact: torontodialogue@gmail.com

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 8, 2017 \$ 4,449.80



SUNDAY 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Maria Orlinda Gamboa (liv.)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Guido Valente (+)

4:30pm Lisa, Cezar, and Eugene (+,+,+)

MONDAY St. Marguerite d'Youville

7:30am John Davis (liv.)

12:10pm Estelle Horshington (+)

TUESDAY St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30am

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

WEDNESDAY St. Luke

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

12:10pm Vocations

THURSDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Rosemary McCormick (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Mary Hale (+)

12:10pm

Saturday

5:00pm Catherine and Felix Mangan (+,+)

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, 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, Kevin Keeley.

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