

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 discreetly 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







St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

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#### TO ASK AND CONTINUE ASKING

By Leanna Cappiello

Here is a question to ponder: How do we expect to receive if we do not ask?

This week, the Gospel tells us a story about a widow who approaches a judge, begging him constantly to grant her justice against her opponent. The judge is at first apathetic; but after some time he gives into her pleading and grants her request. Not because he is concerned with justice, fears the consequences, or even cares about this woman's wellbeing, but because he breaks down at her perpetual pleas.

Jesus reminds us that if someone who is indifferent can grant a request for a vulnerable person, would not He - who loves us - also grant our requests if we approached Him again and again?

It might seem obvious that in order to receive, we must first ask. But it is not always so obvious to apply this approach in our prayer lives.

I can attest to feeling seriously discouraged when I pray and plead for something I need. Sometimes it never comes (because I didn't really need it). Sometimes something better comes (because God has better plans for me). Sometimes I get what I ask for, but in a different form than what I was expecting (surprise!).

It's vulnerable. It's risky. It's the beauty and challenge of a rich relationship with God. To ask, and continue asking, requires great faith. And as Jesus prompts us, "And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he have faith on earth?"

Sunday's Readings: Exodus 17.8-13 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2 Luke 18.1-8

#### R.C.I.A: BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program begins this **Wednesday**, **October 19** with an introduction to the program and a meet-and-greet in **the church proper at 7:00pm**. Fully initiated Roman Catholics who may want a refresher are most welcome! Come and see what the program is all about.

For more details, please contact Emily at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca

#### ST. BASIL'S READERS GROUP

St. Basil's Readers Group will meet next on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm in room 006. The group will be discussing Being Generous: The Art of Right Living by John Dalla Costa and Lucinda Mary Vardey, parishioners of St. Basil's Parish. Light Refreshments and snacks will be served. For further information or questions, contact dorismarcon@rogers.com.

## MAGDALA: SEMINAR STUDYING MARY MAGDALENE & DOROTHY DAY

In keeping with our parish's Magdala conciliary (formed in response to Pope Francis' invitation to explore the feminine dimension of the Church) you are invited to participate in a special seminar that will study the various theological, scholarly, and artistic representations of St. Mary Magdalene and the venerable Dorothy Day. These are two faithful women who modeled Christ each in their own way in their own cultural and historical context. What do these women teach us about our own spiritual lives?

The seminar will gather monthly over the course of six months. The first meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm in the atrium meeting room**. In order to prepare a reading package for you, pre-registration is required. **Deadline to register is October 21**. There is no cost associated with this seminar and all are welcome! To enrol, please contact Leanna at leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca or call the parish office.

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love by spending a very special weekend together designed as a purposeful getaway to help married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend will be held on October 21-23, 2016 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. For more information and to register, please visit www.wwme.org or contact Gerard and Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or call (905) 792-1925.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Is your child 7-9 years of age and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion? If so, please register them for a special five week preparation program facilitated by Emily in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. The first class will be held on Sunday, November 27 after the 12:00pm Mass. For more information or to register, please contact emily at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.

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The afternoon is a cathedral where I escape the dusty air of the yattering agora. I enter by the side door of its small chapel-hour and dip my fingers into the calm cool of its silence Inside I circle slowly around this church of the mind Stopping at the stations of my memory I press my palm against the quiet stone of the altar and trace upon it the shadow of the icon of eternity

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Alone alone I hush-kneel in this day's holy space
The grain of light from a small aperture above the nave
spills across the wooden floor to where
I open the pew-book of my heart and begin to read:
I recite old psalms
my mouth puckered
like a fish thrown back into the water.
It is near time is near hurry child
and yea, I do not rise though I be flesh and blood
my eyes closed in the parable of this moment

~By Robert Rodbourne (poem submitted by a parishioner)

#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 9, 2016 \$5,623.35



Sunday 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- Edna Fernandes (+)

10:30am- Pro Populo

12:00pm- Carole Eschweiler (+) 4:30pm- Juan Carlos Casas (+)

Monday Saint Ignatius of Antioch

7:30am-

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

Tuesday Saint Luke

7:30am-

12:10pm- Rose Mary McCormick (+), and

Joseph Ayou (+)

Wednesday Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

7:30am-

12:10pm- Vocations

**Thursday** 

7:30am-

12:10pm- John Cannon (+)

Friday

7:30am-

12:10pm- Deceased members of the Gardzinski &

Kozubski Families & the forgotten souls

Saturday

5:00pm- John Patrick King (+)

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, and Erika Farncomb.

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