

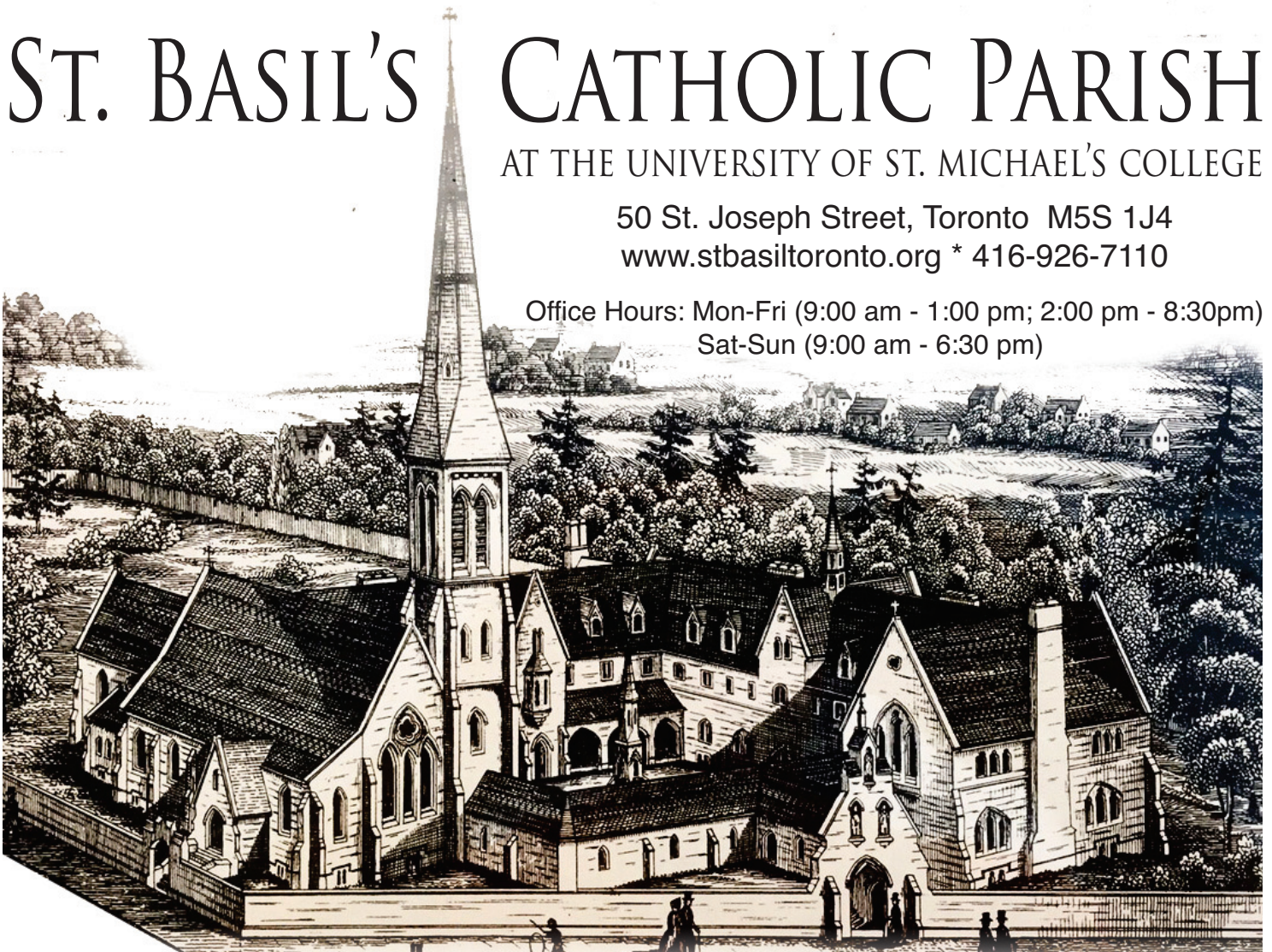
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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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ARCHITECT MICHAEL HAYS' ORIGINAL DRAWING OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE & ST. BASIL'S CHURCH (1855)

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

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

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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!

FAITH

By Lisa Fernandes

The readings today focus on faith. In the first reading we get a strong message about the righteous being faithful: "Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). So it seems appropriate that today is the Feast of the Guardian Angels, a long established element of Catholic faith.

The first Christian theologian to discuss guardian angels was Honorius of Autun in the 12th century who said that every soul was assigned a guardian angel the moment it was put into a body.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine based on Scripture. Jesus says in Matthew 18:10: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

A feast in honour of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century and, moving into modern times, in his 2014 homily for the Feast of Holy Guardian Angels, Pope Francis told those gathered for daily Mass to be like children who pay attention to their "traveling companion." "No one journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone," the Pope said.

What are guardian angels? The word angel comes from the Greek word *aggelos* which means messenger. Guardian angels act on behalf of God as messengers to protect us. As individuals, we become closer to God by having faith that guardian angels are all around us doing their job. I try to have that faith. In fact, I surround myself with images of angels. I have a guardian angel visor clip in my car, each night I go to sleep surrounded by cross stitch angels handmade by my mom and I display angels around Christmas time on the wall, on tabletops and on my "angel themed" Christmas tree. In the first reading God is asking us to have faith – God's gift to us. How can we do that? We can exercise our faith muscle

by believing in guardian angels. Faith is powerful. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells the apostles that if they had faith they could tell a mulberry tree to plant itself in the sea and it would obey. Maybe try opening yourself to another of God's gifts to us – guardian angels.

Sunday's Readings:
Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4
2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14
Luke 17.5-10

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

If you are suffering in mind or body, we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing after all Masses on Thanksgiving weekend (October 8/9).

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Fall Retreat hosted at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga for the weekend of October 21-23 is entitled "The Road to God's Mercy" and will be facilitated by the Centre team. For further information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

ENROLLING CHILDREN AGES 3-6

We are now actively taking registrations for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, which will begin October 2nd at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. If your child is aged 3-6 (or very close to this), we would love to have them in the program. Please contact Fr. Chris at chris.valka@utoronto.ca for more information to register.

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.

A PIANO TAPESTRY

You are invited to attend the concert 'A Piano Tapestry' on **Friday, October 14 at 7:30pm**. Praised as a "big pianist, big musician, big potential" with "compelling artistry that draws the listeners in and envelops them with musical joy," pianist Ho Yan Agnes Wan is Assistant Professor of Piano at Virginia State University. Her programme features two Scarlatti sonatas in D minor (K. 9 and K. 141), Schubert's Four Impromptu's (D. 935), Chopin's Ballade in A-flat (Op. 47) and Faure's Theme and Variations in C-sharp minor (Op. 73).

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

R.C.I.A AT ST. BASIL'S

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (known as 'R.C.I.A') is a very special and intensive program designed for adults over the age of eighteen seeking reception into the Roman Catholic Church **AND** for baptized Catholics to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice.

At St. Basil's our R.C.I.A program runs for nearly 30 weeks (from October 19, 2016 - May 10, 2017) and explores a variety of topics dealing with the sacramental life and real-world discipleship. Our program draws in an exciting line-up of speakers from the Toronto School of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, and Basilian Fathers.

Join the program on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00pm in the church proper. Whether you are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and convert to Roman Catholicism, or you are already a long-time fully initiated Roman Catholic, come and discover the Catholic faith anew.

There is no fee for this program. The final schedule is available online. **All are welcome!**

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 25, 2016 \$6,574.15



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 2nd - 8th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pauline C Ignacio (+) Pro Populo Gordon Golding (+) Victor Lara (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Ella Pereira (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	St. Francis of Assisi Georgina Jose (+) Frank & Mike Gregoire (+) and Margaret Lorman (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Talheimer Family (liv.) Stefan & Anna Papez and James Crilly (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Brian Fernandes (liv.) and the Gardzinski Family (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Anne Gregoire (+) Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Hermina Sertica (+)

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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