

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

## Happy Thanksgiving!



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!



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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:  
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)  
Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

### SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am

### ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

## TRANSFORMATIVE GRATITUDE

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

In the Gospel last week, the Apostles demanded of Jesus, "increase our faith!" In our own time, our reading challenges us to embrace the cross knowing that it is not the end, but part of a vision still unfolding; that still has its time; that presses on to fulfillment and it will not disappoint.

This week, our readings ask us to consider how we transform our pain and suffering – knowing that it is often something we cannot get rid of (try though we may), but that we can transform.

We learn this through two stories – the story of Naaman and 10 lepers who are healed. In both cases, you will find that transformation occurs only when they surrender their ego to humility. In the Gospel, the one stands out among the 10 because he fell at the feet of Jesus and said thank you. He surrendered his ego, which is often what gratitude is about; it is what happens when the ego recognizes it is not entitled to what it has received.

People come to God in hopes of alleviating their suffering and pain – some are grateful like Naaman and the one, while others, like the nine, leave healed in body, but not in spirit. But this is not real surrender or true healing or authentic transformation.

Too often, we think of religion and our faith as something we need to get right – that salvation is something to be achieved or earned, but it's not. Rather, it is something we surrender to. To be "saved", is not something that occurs in the future based on a decision in the past, but it is something that happens now based on our surrender now.

During this time of year, when we have so much to be grateful for, let us indeed give thanks. . . and be humble.

*Sunday's Readings:*

*2 Kings 5.14-17*

*2 Timothy 2.8-13*

*Luke 17.11-19*

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas cards will be on sale in the vestibule of the church following all this weekend's Masses and all weekend Masses for the next two weeks- October 15/16 and 22/23. All proceeds will go to our parish's restoration fund. Thank you for your support!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:dorismarcon@rogers.com).

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The administration and staff of St. Joseph's College School cordially invites grade 7/8 female students and their parents/guardians to the information evening and Open House to be held on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm** at St. Joseph's College School 74 Wellesley Street West.

## SERRA CLUB GATHERING

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 19** directly after the **12:10 pm Mass for lunch and a talk** with Fr Larry Marcille on his Vocation journey, "from Businessman to Priest." The luncheon talk will take place in the Senior Commons Room at St Michael's College, Brennan Hall, which can be accessed from the courtyard across from the entrance to the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the parish office.

## 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](mailto:leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca) or call the parish office.

## 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](mailto:emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca).

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 2, 2016 \$6,490.95



OCTOBER 9th - 15th

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Agnes & Eddy Lee (liv.) Pro Populo J.H. & Z. Bertrand (liv.) Stanley Skirt (+)
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am-	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Joas De Sa (+) <i>*There will be no Confessions today.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint John XXIII</b> Juan Carols Casas (+) Max Pereira (+), and Joseph Boyle
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Anne MacCarthy (liv.)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Feliciano Macalino (+) Felicitas Correo Diaz (+), and Mary Scallen (+)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Callistus I</b> Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm-	<b>Saint Teresa of Jesus</b> Benjamin Liu (+)

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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Joseph Boyle, and Rohan Karer.

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