

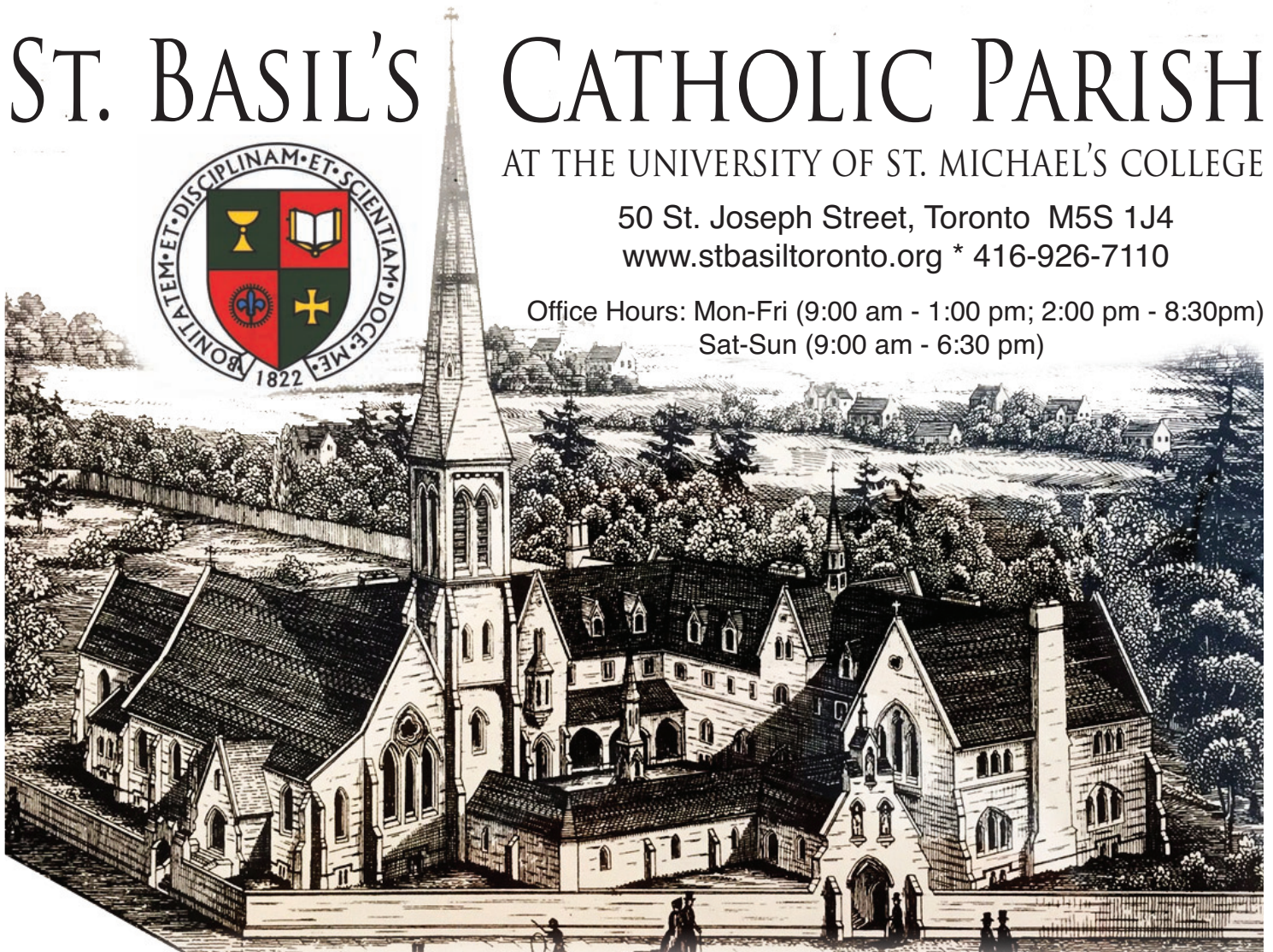
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5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
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Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

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Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
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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!

“AS OFTEN AS YOU COME TO ME”

By Emily VanBerkum

For the past few weeks I've been reflecting on a quote that a friend of mine posted to social media. It was from the 1930s diary of Sr. Faustina Kowalska in which Jesus said to her in a vision, *“Know that as often as you come to me, humbling yourself and asking my forgiveness, I pour out a superabundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before my eyes, and I see only your love and your humility. You lose nothing but gain much.”* What powerful words! God's love for us does not hold resentment or search for ways to mete out punishment until we have merited forgiveness. Rather, God's love is so profound that God's forgiveness is likened to a “superabundance of graces.”

Have you ever wronged a friend or family member, perhaps even a stranger? Then has the pain of that wrongdoing festered in your heart eventually creating a feeling of tremendous guilt or unworthiness? It gives me great consolation that I can hand over to Jesus, in humility, all of my imperfections and sinfulness. Then out of love those imperfections are transformed into grace and we receive the fruits of being in relationship with a loving God rather than a punishing one. As I reflect on this quote and on the many times and ways I've been forgiven in my life, I have come to helpfully view God's forgiveness as something that is freely given with no strings attached.

For example, in today's Gospel parable of the lost sheep, what is most striking to me is that when the shepherd finds the lost sheep, he does not punish it, exclude it from the others, or reveal any bitterness through his actions. No. Instead, the shepherd is “good” and calls together his friends and neighbours saying “rejoice with me for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Give God the opportunity to rejoice over your “return,” over your relinquishing of sin or resentment and put trust in God's ability to see only love for you rather than your imperfections. If we put faith in God to do this for us, I believe that we will more readily be able to do this for others. For ultimately in doing so we *“lose nothing but gain much.”*

Sunday's Readings:
Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-32

ST. BASIL'S 160th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Celebrating our 160th anniversary on Wednesday, September 14 (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross), all parishioners are invited to attend a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. George Smith, CSB, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers presiding. Mass will begin at **7:00pm.**

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM AUXILIARY BISHOP ROBERT KASUN, CSB

Congratulations to the parishioners and clergy of St. Basil's church on this wonderful occasion of your 160th Anniversary of being the presence of Christ, and bringing the presence of Christ to the people of downtown Toronto.

For over 40 of those 160 years, I have had some degree of familiarity with St. Basil's, and I express my gratitude to the countless numbers of Basilian Fathers and parishioners who have continuously built up the Kingdom of God on earth in your parish and beyond. Often, your efforts have gone uncelebrated, but I hope not unappreciated. As your incoming area Bishop, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your life and faithful service and witness for over 160 years.

CORRECTION: FUNDRAISING NUMBERS

Last week, we reported an update on the two fundraising campaigns for the Archdiocese; however, since then, all numbers have been updated by the Chancery so we want to provide you with a correction:

SHARELIFE: We raised \$103,337 over our \$75,000 goal.

FAMILY OF FAITH: We raised \$636,000 over our \$530,000 goal.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their incredible generosity. If you have any questions regarding these campaigns, please do not hesitate to ask.

160th ANNIVERSARY

First of all, please plan to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving on September 14th at 7:00 PM. This is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and our actual anniversary date. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. George Smith, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. That day will also kick off a Novena which will be celebrated for nine days at the 12:10pm Mass.

I must tell you that I struggled long and hard with how to mark this occasion, but after speaking with some parishioners realized that it is far more important to use this as an opportunity for renewal as a beacon of goodness, discipline and knowledge for the City. So we are not just going to celebrate for one year; nor are we going to blow our own trumpet about how wonderful we are; rather, we are going to spend the next year focusing on the people that make this place so special. Over the next couple of months, you can expect to hear from the many ministries of the parish about their good works, and how you might get involved, should you wish to do so. Each ministry has been encouraged to dream a little this next year and try at least one thing that they would not otherwise do. I also want to gather your stories about what brings you to the pew. Of course, we will continue to work hard to make the needed capital improvements as well.

All of this to say, we are not just going to focus on the past 160 years; but prepare for the next 160 as well!
~Fr. Chris

SERRA CLUB MEETING

Please join the Serra Club **directly after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, September 21** for lunch and an opportunity to **hear Sister Helena Burns, a dynamo from the Daughters of St Paul, talk about Vocations to her Order.** The luncheon talk will take place at the Senior Common Room at St Michael's College, Brennan Hall, which can be accessed from the courtyard across from the entrance to the Parish Hall. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office so we can finalize numbers for the lunch.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 4, 2016 \$6,736.85



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 11th - 17th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Angelina DiMascio Ottaviani (+) Pro Populo Mary McNamee (liv.) Janina & Anzelm Woluk (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint John Chrysostom Joseph Boyle and Family
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- 7:00pm-	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Joseph Boyle and Family Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) The Basilian Fathers
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Our Lady of Sorrows Stefan & Anna Papez, James Robert Crilly (+,+,+), protection of unborn children
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	John O'Keefe Maxwell (+) Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saint Robert Bellarmine Frank, Monica, & Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

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, Gerald Guest, Steve Paijie, Bernice Casey, and Concha Gaeitereiro.


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