ORDINARY TIME XXIV CATHOLIC PARISH 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

September 15^{TH}

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

BASIL'S

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

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. 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!

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during vour visit.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Associate Pastor: Office Manager: **Director of Music:** Associate Organist: Director of Community Engagement: Michael Pirri Coordinator of Social Justice: **Director of Family Ministries:** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Margaret D'Elia Dr. John Paul Farahat Stefani Bedin Veronica Courtois Marilena Berardinelli Mariann Dunsmore

NOT OUR OWN

By Adam J. Lalonde, SJ

This Sunday's Gospel reading brilliantly puts three Lukan parables side-by-side forcing us to consider the mercy of our God and reminding us that God's ways are not our own. There are countless beautiful reflections on these parables which consider our inclination to stray from God or even our tendency to become denouncing Pharisees or unforgiving older brothers.

Luke's Gospel, however, is not primarily concerned with reminding us of these facts. Instead the emphasis is on the One who always seeks to gather us back in. Jesus teaches us that we are not simply a number to God. Each soul is important, every lost sheep will be sought, and every hidden coin will be found. But most importantly, it is God who initiates the search. Although we must always seek God's forgiveness,



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COFFEE HOUR Volunteers Needed

There is still a need for volunteers both for preparation (including baking) and clean-up. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

SERRA CLUB MEETING

The Serra Club of Toronto Downtown welcomes Ms. Olenka Laschuk as guest speaker for the **September 18** meeting, which takes place following the 12:10PM Mass. Ms. Laschuk is pursuing a Masters Degree at the University of St. Michael's and is the wife of Fr. Alex Laschuk, Byzantine Priest and Judicial Vicar at the Archdiocese of Toronto.

A light lunch and meeting follow the 12:10PM Mass. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office. All are welcome.

RCIA

St. Basil's is accepting candidates for the 2019-2020 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

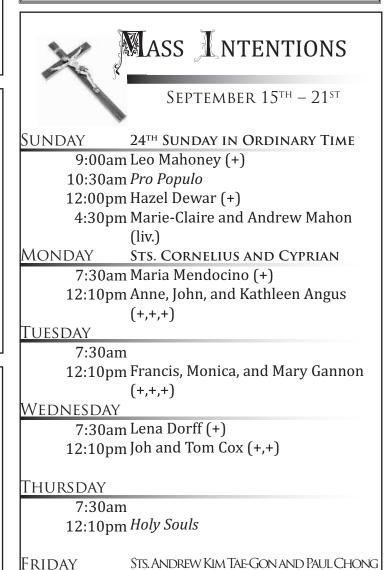
RCIA is a very special and intensive program designed for adults exploring the possibility of becoming members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Also welcome to participate are baptized Catholics who desire to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA offers adults an opportunity to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice.

At St. Basil's, our RCIA program runs from October until April and explores a variety of topics dealing with the sacramental life and real-world discipleship. Our program draws in an exciting lineup of speakers from the Toronto School of Theology, the University of St. Michael's College, and Basilian Fathers.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the RCIA program, please contact rcia@stbasiltoronto.org

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 \$5,893.60



7:30am 12:10pm Fr. Andrew Leung (liv.)

SATURDAY ST. MATTHEW 5:00pm Tamara Tumidajski (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Clare DeMello, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Mary O'Brien, Erika Farncomb, Rita Moran, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Josephine D'amico, Jose Gaitero, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

repentance is fundamentally an experience of being found by God.

Perhaps the invitation today is to consider our attitudes towards divine mercy. Am I truly convinced of God's mercy? Can I accept that mercy? How else can I be a beacon of mercy to others? We must always remember that Jesus' love infinitely surpasses our sinful deficit and He never stops searching for the lost.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 Psalm 51 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-32

Adam is a Jesuit scholastic in the M.Div. program at Regis College. He is also an alumnus of St. Michael's College (0T8).

USMC BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars! From **September 24-28** the University of St. Michael's College used book sale is being held at Fr. Madden Hall, Located in Carr Hall (100 St. Joseph Street). The USMC book sale features more than 50,000 donated booked and other media, raising funds for Kelly Library.

For more information, please visit <u>stmikes.utoronto.ca/</u>

ORGAN 100TH ANNIVERSARY Reservations

Thank you for your enthusiam! Reservations for the 100th Anniversary Organ Concert by Olivier Latry taking place on **November 22** are currently full, but you may still put your name on the waiting list.

The website is <u>bit.ly/StBasil100</u> The code to access tickets is **Parishioner**

We hope to see you there!

2019 FEDERAL ELECTION: CATHOLIC ACTION CAMPAIGN

Canada's federal election is almost here! St. Basil's is participating in the Catholic Action campaign, a non-partisan initiative organized by Catholic Conscience. Catholic Conscience is mobilizing Catholics in the GTA to learn more about Catholic social teaching, think prayerfully and thoughtfully about our vote, and make sure we all exercise our right and duty to vote. The campaign kicks off on September 22nd with a coordinated homily across Toronto. After Mass, chat with Catholic Conscience volunteers and sign-up for resources about how-to-vote and election issues.

Visit <u>www.catholicconscience.org</u> for more information.

REGISTRATION: CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-9

Registration is now open for our children's program: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This unique catechetical approach has as its primary goal to nurture the religious potential of the child; to journey with the child to know more intimately Jesus the Good Shepherd made known to us in Scripture and Liturgy.

The Program extends from October 20 to April 26, 2020. A one-year commitment is required and weekly attendance is strongly encouraged. A detailed program calendar is available on our website. The following time slots are available:

> GROUP A (3-4 years old): 9:00-10:00 GROUP B (3-6 years old): 10:30-11:30 GROUP C (6-9 years old): 11:30- 1:00 (Start date: November 10)

Children meet in the Atrium – a purposely deigned space that supports the growing relationship between God and the child (located in the church's lower level).

For additional information, to schedule a visit of the Atrium or to register your child, contact our program coordinator: Mariann Dunsmore: cgsmariann@gmail.com.

