September 2, 2018 | Ordinary Time - XXII

CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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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

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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 your visit.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

By Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

If I am going to watch any TV shows, I tend to opt for the British ones such as those on PBS's Masterpiece. I look forward to Sunday nights to spend an hour or so watching Downton Abbey, Sherlock, or whatever series is airing. In my earlier years, one of my favourite British shows was the sitcom Keeping Up Appearances with the colourful character Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "bouquet", please!), who sought to follow the etiquette book to a T. Appearing proper and limiting the amount of association she had with the "less-respectable" members of her family, she always sought to impress others "of importance", including the Anglican vicar. Often, though, what she tried to downplay or hide rose to the surface to humorous effects!

One of the things that we human beings are sometimes very concerned about is looking good. I invite us to consider the appearance we put







forward and who we might be trying to please or impress. I admit that physical appearance is important to me; it bothers me when my shoes are not polished or when I have not had time to iron my shirt, though many people would never notice or even care. Some people's concern might be avoiding looking old or weak; others might want to avoid the appearance of ever being wrong. Whatever we do to maintain a particular appearance can take a lot of energy and effort that perhaps could be directed in more beneficial ways.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus decides not to keep up the appearances that the Pharisees and scribes are expecting him and his disciples to have. For example, they are not washing their hands before they eat, and they are being judged for not doing so. Yet, Jesus is not swayed. Instead, he points out that what is truly important is what flows out of us from the heart. In the second reading, St. James writes of the importance of being a "doer" of the word, that is putting our faith into action. Like it was for Jesus' disciples, living this way might solicit criticism rather than popularity or praise, but living out God's word within us is what will help us to appear most authentically as a reflection of Christ.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8 Psalm 15 James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

As the school year begins, we are looking to expand our volunteer base for some parish groups. We are looking for a new Team Lead for our parish Coffee Hour group, team members for Out of the Cold on Tuesdays, Liturgical Ministers for the 4:30PM Sunday Mass, as well as new choristers for the St. Basil's Singers.

If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering opportunities, please reach out to Michael after Mass, or send him a message via email michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the Church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

RESTORED PIETÀ

After having fallen into disrepair, the Pietà statue has been restored to a new beauty so that it might continue to serve as a means of devotion to the Lord and our Blessed Mother for many years to come. Many thanks for the generous donation that made the restoration possible!

CHALICE APPEAL

Deacon Philip Allard sends his sincere thanks to all at St. Basil's for welcoming him during the August 18-19 weekend and for the enthusiastic response by parishioners, some of whom are already Chalice sponsors.

An additional 35 sponsorships and a cash donation were received. This is another sign of the generosity and compassion of St. Basil's parishioners, who are helping to change lives for the better.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS FAITH & FAMILY GAME

The Toronto Argonauts Faith and Family Game takes place on September 8, at 1:00PM, and is a fantastic opportunity for families to try something new and exciting. The event will include both a ticket to the football game vs. the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and a post-game faith panel discussion.

Guest speakers include Michael "Pinball" Clemons, Herbie Kuhn (team chaplain and voice of the Toronto Raptors) and current Argonauts players who will be talking about what faith means to them in their personal lives and as professional athletes. Discounted tickets, starting at \$22, can be purchased here: http://fevo.me/faithgame.

WELCOME (BACK), STUDENTS

What a joy to welcome new and returning students; we are glad you are with us to be part of the parish community! Know that your presence is life-giving and inspiring!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is accepting candidates for the 2018-2019 program.

RCIA is a very special and intensive program designed for adults over the age of eighteen seeking reception into the Roman Catholic Church, or for baptized Catholics looking to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice.

At St. Basil's, our RCIA programs runs for nearly 30 weeks 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.

Whether you are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and convert to Roman Catholicism, or you are already a long-time fullyinitiated Roman Catholic, come and discover the Catholic Faith anew!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the RCIA program, please speak with Jessica after Mass or contact her at (416) 926-1300 x.3413 or jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

Mark your calendars! On October 27 & 28, the Society of St. Vincent dePaul will have a truck on site for Bundle Up Weekend. Volunteers will be on hand to collect donations by the truck before and after all weekend Masses.

For a list of items that are accepted, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, August 26, 2018 \$4,982.90



Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 2ND – 8TH

Sunday

 22^{nd} Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Magno Catabijan (+)

10:30am Pro Populo

12:00pm Christopher Pereira (+)

4:30pm *Students of the University of St.* Michael's College

MONDAY St. Gregory the Great

9:00am Rita Celia (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am The McLewin Family (+)

12:10pm Giuseppe Rizzo (+)

Wednesday

7:30am The Thalheimer Family

12:10pm Greta Powell Gardner Metcalfe (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Ximena Parda (liv.)

12:10pm David Robert Weiner (+)

Frid<u>ay</u>

7:30am Nelson Mols (liv.)

12:10pm *Vocations*

Saturday

5:00pm Stella Josephine (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Mary O'Brien, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Tai-Ho Myung, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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