

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.

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 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!

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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WE ARE PETER

By John Dalla Costa

I love St. Peter. He's like George Costanza on Seinfeld — always wrong, and never quite learning the wisdom of only trusting the reverse of what he thinks is right.

Whenever Peter is a part of a gospel story, I feel great pathos for his fierce faith. Yet more so than any other disciple, Peter also unsettles me because his reactions most urgently pose questions for my own discipleship. Would I drop everything and follow Jesus? Would I dare to jump out of the boat to walk on the water? What would I say on Mount Tabor? What would I do in the Garden of Gethsemane?

In today's gospel, Jesus invokes the harshest possible rebuke to Peter, calling the disciple he most relied on "Satan." No one else earns such opprobrium. Why such condemnation? Why would Jesus regard an expression of protective concern with such categorical rejection?

First, I think we are glimpsing the true vulnerability of Jesus. Fully human, the Son of God is coming to understand that his own followers have failed to grasp his mission, even as the forces of opposition turn much more dangerous. As with the temptations in the desert, Peter's wanting the safe way out imperils all salvation because it pricks at Jesus' determination just as the Lord is marshalling the inner resources to offer every iota of his being to God's will.

Second, I think we are being challenged about how easily the satanic can seep into our own righteousness. The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer recognized we can conveniently construct a "Christianity without Christ," in which "there is trust in God but no following of Christ."

Bonhoeffer, who was later martyred by the Nazis, was writing at a time much like our own, when the name of God was being used to justify hate and perpetrate violence. Our challenge, like Peter's, is to not only trust the Incarnation and other articles of faith. We need as well to incarnate in our own lives that costly discipleship that St. Paul describes as "presenting your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

Sundays Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-9 Psalm 63 Romans 12.1-2 Matthew 16.21-27

ENROLLING CHILDREN AGES 3-9

Registration is now open for <u>The Catechesis</u> of the <u>Good Shepherd</u> program which begins Sunday, October 15th.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers the children an atrium — an environment specifically prepared to nurture the religious life of the child in a manner that meets their developmental, intellectual and spiritual needs. The atrium is a place where the children come to worship together and to speak and listen to the voice of God.

The full schedule is available on the parish website. Please contact Mariann Dunsmore, the program coordinator at cgsmariann@gmail.com for more information or to register.

St. Basil's Atrium (3-6 year olds)

Children meet weekly from 10:30-11:30am.

St. Basil's Atrium (6-9 year olds)

Children meet weekly from 11:30am- 12:30pm in the Atrium and then proceed together to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the larger parish community (12:30-1:00pm).

USMC BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars! From Wednesday, September 27 to Saturday, September 30, the USMC used book sale is being held at Father Madden Hall, located in Carr Hall, 100 St. Joseph Street. The USMC book sale raises funds for the Kelly Library, part of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto.

For more information, please visit stmikes.utoronto.ca/booksale

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labour Day.

The only Mass will be at 9:00am; there will be no confessions or Vespers on that day.

BULLETIN

We will now resume our weekly publication of our parish bulletin.

Please remember to take a bulletin home with you after Mass to stay in touch with the parish and the wider University of St. Michael's College community events!

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS

Coffee Hour returns starting September 10th, following the 10:30am and 4:30pm Sunday Masses.

Interested in helping out?

We are currently seeking new volunteers to help facilitate coffee hour. If you've got a love for coffee and conversation, this may be the ministry for you!

For more information, please contact Michael via the parish office, or at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, August 20, 2017 \$ 5,792.40



Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am- David Myung & Family (liv.)

10:30am- Pro Populo

12:00pm- Myriam and Paolo Scoppio (+,+)

4:30pm- Greg Santos (+)

Monday Labour Day - Office closed

9:00am-

Tuesday

7:30am-

12:10pm- Michael & Alexandra (liv.)

Wednesday

7:30am- The Thalheiner Family 12:10pm- Stefan & Anna Papez (+,+)

Thursday

7:30am-

12:10pm- Anne Gregoire (+)

Friday Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am- Jolyon & Carol Thomas (liv.)

12:10pm- Frank Gregoire (+)

Saturday Saint Peter Claver

5:00pm- Charles & Hilda Scime (+,+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Kenneth Schmitz, Kathleen Mary Angus, and Robin Elizabeth Chua MacKinnon

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