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He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



"The Morning Resurrection," Burne-Jones, 1882.

St. Basil's Parish is 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 discretely 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.

DISCERNING GOD'S MOVEMENT OF THE HEART

By Emily VanBerkum

From the first reading, it is clear that Paul and Barnabas were busy missionaries, creating what John described as a "home for God among humans." But what motivated this missionary activity- and fertile soil in which the presence of God could be felt and enlivened by early Christians- is Jesus' simple yet powerful command to "love one another, just as I have loved you." How do we begin loving the other in this awesome, all consuming Christ-like way?

Lately, I have been thinking about this invitation to love as Christ modeled for us in relation to Pope Francis' most recent Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. For Pope Francis, influenced by Jesuit Spirituality, the joy of love is most clearly reflected in the art of prayerful decision-making known as "discernment." In his article "Discernment: A Key to *Amoris Laetitia*," Fr. James Martin, S.J. explains that for a person of faith, discernment is the "ability to see clearly what our inner forces are; to be able to identify, weigh and judge them; and to choose the path most in line with God's desires for you and for the world." To me, the connection between discernment and love is clear: Let God into your life! Try to understand the way your heart responds to God's movements in various aspects of your life whether it be within your family, friendships, romantic relationships, workplaces, etc. Include God in your daily thought process regarding the big decisions in your life and see how God is present to you. I guarantee that at some moments in your life, God's presence will be clearly felt, other times it may not be. But that is why discerning with the heart is a lifelong process, a dismantling of the ego, in which we surrender to God and submit to something so utterly beyond us.

Sunday's Readings: Acts 14.21b-27; Revelation 21.1-5a; John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35

EGG CARTONS

In order to prepare for our Mother's Day Bake Sale in May, Irene and our Sunday baking team are requesting your empty egg cartons to use for transporting miniature cupcakes. If you have any extras to contribute, please drop them off at the parish office from now until April 30. Proceeds go directly to support our kitchen renovations.

CHURCH LANDSCAPING

Due to the generous donation of a parishioner, we are re-landscaping all around the church! We have professionals doing much of the work, but we would like the community to come together to assist with some of the planting during the day on **Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29** (weather permitting) from **9:00am-2:00pm** each day.

It is very important that Fr. Chris receives an RSVP for your attendance so that he can get exact numbers for participants. Email Fr. Chris directly at cvalka@basilian.org and if there are any updates, he can contact you directly.

ORDINATION PRAYER VIGIL

Office of Vocations is hosting an ordination prayer vigil. Let's pray together for an increase in vocations especially to priesthood, consecrated life and healthy marriages. Event will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St., Toronto on **Friday, April 29** from **6:00pm until midnight**. Regional Prayer Vigils are also being held. Times may vary, so please contact us at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org for more details.

"WOMEN AND THE FUTURE OF MINISTRY"

USMC Faculty of Theology is hosting a study day on Women and the Future of Ministry. The event begins with a free keynote by Dr. Phyllis Zagano on **May 6 at 7:00pm**, and is followed by a day of presentations and panel discussions on May 7. For more information, please see: stmikes.utoronto.ca/womenstudyday.

"ONE STEP FORWARD"

Join the Chairs of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada and the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission on **Wednesday, May 11** for an evening of prayer, discussion, and fellowship. The evening will begin with an ecumenical prayer service in Cardinal Flahiff Centre Chapel (95 St. Joseph Street) at 7:00pm.

PENTECOST VIGIL & PHOTO EXHIBITION

To celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we will be offering an extended Vigil Mass on **Saturday, May 14 at 5:00pm**. This extended vigil is based on a new rite found in the Roman Missal with multiple readings and additional psalms which will be sung. After the homily, Fr. Chris will celebrate a renewal of baptismal promises complete with a sprinkling rite.

As part of our Pentecost experience, we will be exploring images inspired by the Corporal Works of Mercy. To find out more about how to participate in this prayerful experience leading up to May 14/15 weekend, visit <http://stbasiltoronto.org/pentecost-of-mercy-photo-exhibition/>.

MAGDALA: SEMINAR IN ROME

In October of 2015, St. Basil's Parish established a conciliary called "Magdala." This group gathered monthly to discern the meaning of the feminine genius in the parish context. These gatherings inspired a series of international seminars taking place in Rome. The first seminar, entitled "Heart," will take place from April 28-30, 2016. Leanna and Emily have been invited to attend and present their insights and their experience as female ministers in parish life. Share in their journey by visiting their blog: magdalarome.wordpress.com

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers will be on hand next weekend (**April 30/May 1**) for the John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Please bring your food or monetary donations to the vestibule of the church. We are most in need of the following items:

- Non perishable snacks (granola bars, cookies, pudding/fruit cups)
- Mayo, mustard
- Ground coffee
- juice boxes
- brown lunch bags

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, April 17, 2016 \$5,984.65



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 24th - 30th

Sunday

9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-
4:30pm-

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Emilio & Licia Cipriani (+)
Pro Populo
Dennis Koppy (+)
Rodrigo S. Recto Senior (+)

Monday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

St. Mark, the Evangelist

Eugenia Varenik (+)
Francesco & Maria Rosa Vetro (+)

Tuesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
Mary Le Noir & Hugh Kierann (+,+)

Wednesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
The D'Souza Family (liv.)

Thursday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Ceferina Buccat (+)
Theresa & Kevin Power (liv.)

Friday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

St. Catherine of Siena

Manuel Calma Buenafe (+)
Encar Benemerito (+)

Saturday

5:00pm-


Jocelyn Weeks & Sumintra Gangasingh (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, and Ann Breslin.

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