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St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845). We are the collegiate church of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, as well as being the parish church to our parishioners who come to worship here from all over the city.

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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB; FRA ANGELICO; 1440-41

EASTER SUNDAY

A SEASON OF NEWNESS

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

We are told that for everything and for everyone, there is a season. Today, we mark the changing from one season into another. Lent to Easter. Winter to Spring. Death to Life. Barrenness to Glory. However, we can only adequately rejoice and sing "Alleluia" if we understand from where we have come.

If you recall, we began Lent with an invitation from Pope Francis to consider the "globalization of indifference." This mentality, which often occurs when faced with the significant problems of our age, numbs and paralyzes our affects on the people around us. "Can one person make a difference," we ask? Today we answer with a resounding YES!

However, we should not forget that even Jesus needed help. Early in his life, he depended on his mother and father. He would eventually depend on his friends, who he called disciples. In the end, he would even need the help of a complete stranger to carry his cross.

We come here – to this place – because we also realize that we need help. The problems of our world cannot be shouldered or solved by ourselves. We come here because of the resurrection. What we celebrate today quite specifically – we celebrate every day.

In the resurrection we have hope that nothing and no one is beyond redemption. No amount of suffering; no amount of hopelessness; no amount of loss is beyond the reach of God.

If you have been with us during Lent, then what you have reawakened in yourself is that, through the power of Christ, no amount of sin or pain or suffering disqualifies us from service and holiness.

The resurrection is for each of us, so that we may be for others what Christ is for us: hope. Hope that no matter how tough things get, there is always a resurrection moment.

The final question is usually: what happens now?

Well. . . first I am going to thank the many many people that made these Holy Week celebrations so joyous – the parish staff, volunteers, choristers, and

many liturgical ministers. Then, I am going to take a very long nap (it may last a few days). . .

As for the rest of us: today – we rejoice. We celebrate. We feast. (Technically, we do this for EIGHT days!) But then, we await the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Everything changes after the resurrection – for the followers of Jesus yesterday and right now. If we are like them, then we might begin by considering what brought us to this moment. What have we learned during our Lenten journey? And what do we hope Christ will resurrect in us during this season of newness?

May this season be blessed in each of your homes and each of your hearts.

Readings: Acts 10.34a, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8; John 20.1-18

Easter Monday, April 6:

Mass: 7:30 AM

There is only one Mass on Easter Monday and the office will be closed.

There will be NO confessions.

Masses and confessions return to the normal schedule on Easter Tuesday.

THE JOHN FORD FOOD COLLECTION

The John Ford Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank will be the second Sunday of April (April 12th). Please note that donations of food are welcome once again because we have found a way of delivering it. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

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APRIL 5, 2015

**ANNUAL CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS
LECTURE, ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE**

St. Rose Pacatte FSP, "Confessions of a Media Nun,"
7:30pm Wednesday, April 8, 2015
Muzzo Family Alumni Hall, Room 400
121 St Joseph St. Toronto
For further information, contact
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**IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8,
7:30PM:
ET RESURREXIT.**

The University of Toronto's Oratorio Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards, in concert. The ensemble features singers enrolled in the final year of the Bachelor in Voice Performance program as well as the Advanced Certificate and Master in Voice Performance divisions. The concert will feature Handel's magnanimous work, *La Resurrezione*, as well as a sampling of additional Resurrection-inspired music by Handel's contemporaries. Come and enjoy the opportunity to experience this emotionally driven work in celebration of Easter. Admission is free, donations welcome to Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

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April 5th - 11th

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9:00 - Hyun-Sook Lim +
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12:00 - Frank and Mike Gregoire +,+

Easter Monday

7:30 - Special Intention of Donor

Tuesday

7:30 -
12:10 - Anne Gregoire +
5:10 - Clara DeLuca +

Wednesday

7:30 - Thalheimer family
12:10 - Michael Corridan +
4:00 - Televised Daily Mass
5:10 - Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

7:30 -
12:10 - Lorenza Peralta +
4:00 - Televised Daily Mass
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Friday

7:30 -
12:10 - Mr. Stefan and Mrs. Anna Papez +,+
4:00 - Televised Daily Mass
5:10 - Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

5:00 - Nikolaos Demakos +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien,
Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don
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