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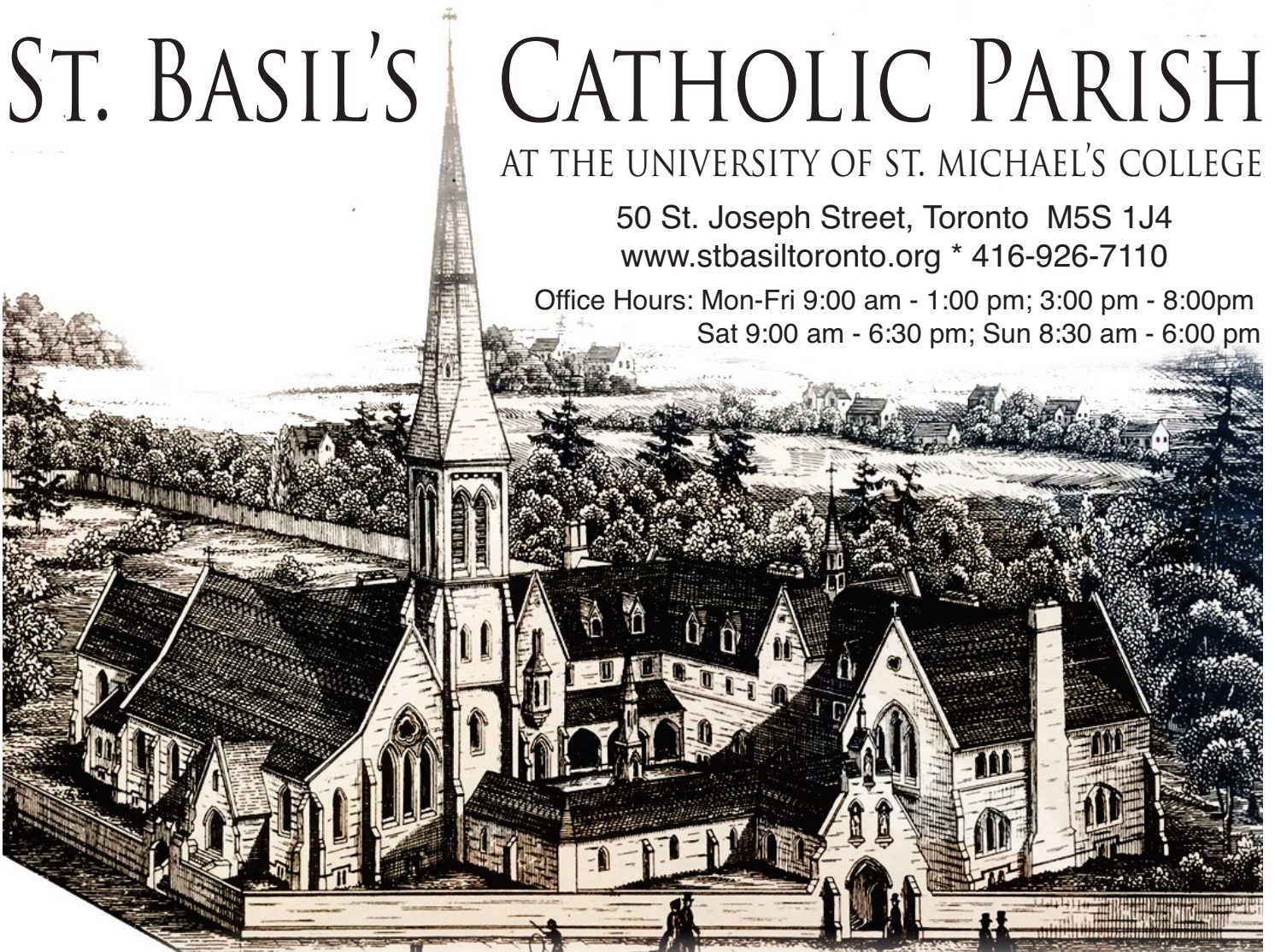
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## SUNDAY MASSES

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  
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

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm  
Sat: 9:00 am

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

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!

## PARISH STAFF

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## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

*By Lisa Fernandes*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This is an ancient feast that was gradually introduced into the Western Church, and made a universal feast by Pope Callistus III in 1457. It celebrates Christ's glorious transformation before several Apostles.

Just prior to the Transfiguration Jesus takes Peter, James and his brother John up a high mountain where his appearance changes: "And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white" (Matthew 17.2).

According to the Catechism: "Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary" (CCC 568). Today it is an important reminder of Christ's divine nature; we all need reminders to strengthen our faith in this age of chaos.

Peter, James and John were purposely chosen as Jesus only needed a few witnesses and these, specifically, were part of his inner circle. These are the same three disciples that later accompanied Christ to Gethsemane on the eve of his passion. The transfiguration was not meant for the masses even though Peter misunderstood what was happening and wanted to build tents to mark the event and show everyone. But it was meant only for their eyes as Peter and the other disciples realize when suddenly God says: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17.5). It was at this point that the disciples fell down to the ground in awe.

I think it is important for us as current believers to understand their amazement. In our society where there sometimes seems to be a lack of wonder and we are becoming jaded, we seem to have lost our childlike amazement. We overuse the term "awesome."

I was reminded of this in a recent obituary of Dr.

Shigeaki Hinohara, a longevity expert who died at the age of 105. He had many rules for living longer: "We all remember how as children, when we were having fun, we often forgot to eat or sleep," he often said. "I believe we can keep that attitude as adults — it is best not to tire the body with too many rules such as lunchtime and bedtime."

How can you recapture your amazement at this wonderful life God has given us? Write a gratitude journal. Find awe in everyday things. I recently went to hear one of the world's greatest choirs, The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge from England and I thought how lucky I was to have this experience. And also don't take for granted Christ's sacrifice. Pope Francis encouraged parishioners to look at the Cross often, and to remember how Jesus was "annihilated" to save us.

Relish the rare moments in between our everyday life when we might sense we are on the mountaintop in communion with Jesus.

*Sundays Readings:*

*Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14*

*2 Peter 1.16-19*

*Matthew 17.1-9*

## THANK YOU!

St. Basil's Out of the Cold and Miller Group volunteers would like to thank you for your incredible generosity during our First Sunday Food Drive collection! Your thoughtfulness helps our ministries to thrive and we're able to feed over 60 patrons a week.

Our pantry is now well stocked and we are excited to conclude the summer months with a menu that includes delicious chicken salad and salmon salad sandwiches, with a bean, pasta or lentil salad on the side!

Going forward, we will continue to print a list of items in need in the bulletin calling out for specific items for the First Sunday Food Drive. Please note, however, that donations of food not specified on the list or cash donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

## Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine: Saturday, September 9, 2017

All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our archdiocese.

The gathering will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:30am — 4:00pm and will include the Rosary, Mass with Cardinal Collins and personal time to visit the shrine grounds.

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/175](http://www.archtoronto.org/175) for more information

## A Prayer for The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

*At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life.*

*Bless us in our humanity,  
with an awareness of Your presence,  
leading us to share in Your divine life  
even in our daily struggle.*

*Help us to deepen  
our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets,  
channels of Your grace throughout history,  
and signposts for our journey.*

*Amen*

## Special Collection

Please note there will be a second collection August 12/13 supporting the Canadian Missions. This collection assists missionaries in Canada by supporting clergy, religious education, and maintenance of churches

Funds are to be shared between Catholic Missions in Canada and Partner Mission Dioceses.

To learn more, please visit [cmic.info](http://cmic.info)

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 30, 2017 \$5,782.00



## MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> - AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	<b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b>  Pro Populo Richard R. Kennedy (+) Antonio & Carolina Nigro (+)
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	(Civic Holiday - Office Closed) Anne Gregoire (+)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Dominic</b> Harry & Suhasini Sandrasagra (+) Joaquim & Maria Russo (+)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Antonietta Ciavarella (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Lawrence</b> Gabrielle Duggan Legere (+)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Clare</b> Elizabeth Anne MacDonald McGowan (+) Mary Gannon (+)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm-	Antonio Laderas & Marites Macaigue (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, 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, Myriam Scoppio.

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