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Advent

THE RIGHT TIME TO BELIEVE

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

I don't know if you have noticed, but God has a rather abrupt way of doing things. Unlike so many of us, God doesn't ask if now would be a good time; if we could talk about it; or make an appointment – when the time is right, God just acts.

When the Angel appears to Mary, there is no discussion of the plan, there is only what is about to happen. Mary then has a choice – either to accept it with grace or complain and become bitter at the circumstances before her.

Of course, we all know what happens, but sometimes I wonder if I would have been just as gracious? Would I have argued, complained or bartered? I would like to think not, but then again, sometimes we really get thrown a curve ball we didn't see coming.

How many times have we looked back and realized God saw something in ourselves before we saw it on our own? God knew we were ready, even if you did not know it yourself. It was certainly true for Mary and Joseph, and I believe it is true for each of us.

Are we willing to believe in ourselves the same way God believes in us? Not one of us is perfect, but that is never what God has asked of us. We are simply asked to believe . . . that God will be faithful to the promises which have been made. . . and to be faithful in return.

If God would have asked Mary if she was ready, do we think she would have responded the same way? Or what if God told Joseph all that would happen? Would he have been ready?

Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Zechariah; even the shepherds, were all ready for the task ahead of them, and so are we. Not all at once, mind you – just the next step, which is usually not as big as we think it is.

May you be willing to let yourself be seen this season – the way God sees you. May you have faith – not just in God, but in yourself; and may you have a Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

Readings: Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38.

CHURCH DECORATING

Attention, **Basil's Brigade!** You are needed to help clean and decorate the Church in preparation for Christmas. We will gather on Tuesday, December 23rd at 6pm in the main church. Fr Chris will lead the brigade of helpers. Anyone should feel free to join and lend a hand.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2015 offertory envelopes are available for pickup at the back of the church. Please provide your name and address on at least the first 2 donations you make. **BEGINNING IN 2015, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCARD THE OLD YEAR ENVELOPES AND BEGIN USING THE NEW ENVELOPES. PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENVELOPES IN THE NEW YEAR.**

Christmas at St. Basil's

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
 MASS: 7:30 A.M. ONLY

7:00 P.M.: VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS. TAPED FOR TV
 11:30 P.M. CAROLS; 12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
 MASS: 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON,
 NO 4:30 P.M. MASS.

BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE
 NO MASS AND NO CONFESSIONS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
 MASS: 7:30 A.M. & 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS: 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
 VIGIL MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY: 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015
 MASS: 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON,
 NO 4:30 P.M. MASS.



The parish offices will close for the Christmas Holidays on December 22nd and will re-open on January 5, 2015.

CHANGE IN WEEKEND PARKING ON ST. JOSEPH STREET.

While parishioners are still able to park on St. Joseph Street weekends as they have been previously; there is a slight change. There are now signs in the area immediately east and west of the entrance to St. Basil's on the North side of the street and east of the entrance on the South side of the street; the signs are marked "NO STOPPING". Please avoid parking in this small area or you will be fined.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.

PUER NATUS EST NOBIS CONCERT

A solo-organ/lecture concert reflecting on the season of Advent and the Nativity of our Lord will take place here at St. Basil's Church on December 21st at 7:30 p.m. Music to include Charles-Marie Widor's *Symphonie Gothique, op. 70*, the compositional basis of which is the gregorian chant introit for Christmas, *Puer natus est nobis (A child is born to us)*. John Paul Farahat, organ. Admission is free, donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you have a child in grade 2, it is time to consider enrolling them in St. Basil's First Communion program! This program begins on Sunday, February 1, 2015 and runs every week until the date of the First Communions on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the 12:00pm mass. Classes run from 1:15-2:15pm. There will not be a class on February 15 or March 15 to accommodate Family Day and the March Break. When students meet with myself, parents will be meeting with Fr. Chris for an enriched program based on the children's catechesis also from 1:15-2:15pm on Sundays. Special participation in the 12:00pm mass is encouraged! Please contact Emily should you have any questions or would like to enrol (liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, December 14, 2014

\$7,262.48

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING ST. BASIL'S? Please visit our website stbasiltoronto.org to find out various ways to give before year-end.



December 21st – 27th

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 – Rosita Marcelo +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Richard Wing Yee +
- 4:30 – Paul Seibezzi +

Monday

- 7:30 – Pat Page +
- 12:10 – Kathleen McNamee (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Mass

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Amparo Lagdameo +
- 12:10 – Mary Ricco +
- 4:00 – Televised Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Mass

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Delia Gajo (liv.)
- 7:00 p.m. Televised Daily Mass
- 12:00 Midnight Mass – Pro Populo

Thursday – Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day

- 9:00 – Pro Populo
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Pro Populo
- No 4:30 p.m. Mass

Friday – St. Stephen

No Mass and no confession

Saturday – St. John

- 5:00 – Marites and Antonio Laderas (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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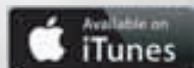
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