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CATHOLIC PARISH

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FIELD HOSPITAL

by John Dalla Costa

Pope Francis often describes the church as a "field hospital." The world's wounds are not of tangential concern to the church. They are its holy mission. Indeed, evangelization is empty without attending to both the causes and aftermaths of those injuries that effect the health of body, mind, heart and soul.

Early church fathers and mothers recognized that, as the mystical body of Christ, the church must continue the healing work of Jesus' ministry. St. John Chrysostom called the church "a hospital for sinners, not a court of law." St. Ambrose recognized that "sickness needs medicine. The medicine is the heavenly and venerable sacrament of the Eucharist."

For 161 years (1856-2017), 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!



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

Pope Francis is retrieving this ancient legacy, while also renewing it. He is asking us each to go into the world, as only we can - in the fields of our own workplaces and classrooms, of our daily meetings and coffeeshop encounters, of our political activity and social justice work - to bring, as Jesus did, sacramental healing, hope and joy to others.

Today's readings remind us of the revolutionary power to heal that we've inherited through Baptism. The law in Leviticus logically sought to protect the community from leprosy, which is as contagious as it is catastrophic. The burden of the law, however, fell on the ill, so that those afflicted with the disease were held responsible for their own painful ostracization.

Jesus reverses this law, making himself vulnerable to the most vulnerable. In the passage preceding today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also." Moving into the field, which is always unpredictable and dangerous, Jesus meets the leper, and heals him.

Such a hospital is not a place, but a disposition: it is not a structure, but an encounter, which looks beyond legal responsibility to attend to the moral needs of the human person before, or beside us. Not surprisingly, the medicine we usually most need personally is often the same as that, which by our gifts, and by God's grace, only we can administer to others.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

LEVITICUS 13.1-2, 45-46

PSALM 32

1 CORINTHIANS 10.31-11.1

MARK 1.40-45

WHAT DOES LENT MEAN TO ME?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and living for God. Here are some ideas for a more meaningful Lenten season.

On Ash Wednesday, we mark our foreheads with ashes to remind ourselves that we are not of this world and are made for eternity with God.

Give up sin: Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

Pray: Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, for our parish community, and for the Church and the world.

Fasting & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence. Catholics still consider Fridays throughout Lent as days of abstinence. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain.

Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink - typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

Give alms: Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have. Help and pray for those in need.

Do meditative reading: Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

Control desire for possessions: Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, reduce waste, share your time and talents with others.

Text from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Living Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin the season of Lent with your St. Basil's Parish community by attending Mass on **Wednesday, February 14** at any of the following times:

7:30am, 12:10pm, 5:10pm, or 7:00pm

COME JOURNEY WITH US

Using the Lenten "Little Black Books", you are invited to undertake a spiritual journey together over the Lenten season. There will also be an opportunity to attend a special lecture series as well as film screenings.

The St. Basil's Readers Group will be reading Fr. James Martin's Seven Last Words over Lent.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

There is a Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga **February 16-18, 2018**. The retreat will be preached by the Centre team — Oblate Fr. Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent.

For more information or to register, please call (905) 278-5229.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers, at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael at (416) 926-1300 x.3210 or michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 4, 2018 \$ 6,318.15



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 11TH — 17TH

SUNDAY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Bernardo Hizoni (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm David Robert Weiner (+)
4:30pm Juliana Barbera (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Daniele and Christopher Kitchen (liv.)
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Celebrated at
7:30AM, 12:10PM, 5:10PM, 7:00PM
PRO POPULO

THURSDAY

7:30am Katrina Teh (liv.)
12:10pm Paul Darragh (+), Margaret Lalor (liv.), Joseph Flynn (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Claire Jardin (+)
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

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, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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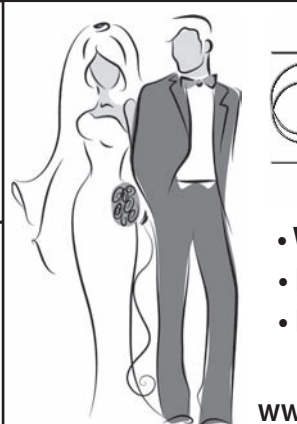
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