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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

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
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Assistant Organist:	Michael Pirri
Director of Family Ministries:	Mailena Berardinelli
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CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF RELATIONSHIP

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us that unless our righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Righteousness is best understood as “right relationship”. In other words, unless we are in right relationship with God, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is a fitting Gospel as we prepare to celebrate, culturally, Valentine’s Day. I know many people struggle with the kind of day Valentine’s Day has become, but I actually think it is worth celebrating a bit more than usual this year. After all, it can only help to recognize a little bit of love in our world and that we are called to be in relationship with one another! As an Archdiocese, this is also a weekend when we recognize and celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. But here at St. Basil’s celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage is something we do far more often than people may know at first glance. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to redevelop our marriage preparation program in the spirit of *Amoris Laetitia* and are now increasing the number of sections in the course due to popularity.

While the course covers things like communication and conflict resolution; it is first focused on the spiritual lives of the couple. You see, to be in “right relationship” means that our first focus is our own holiness and the holiness of others. It means that the people with whom we are in relationship are gifts to us, given by God, so that we may become the people we are called to be. But I have also learned that so many times, the “gifts” of relationship are received indirectly as much as directly. That is to say, the encouragement and the criticisms are both part of our path to holiness. Since, in the end, “dying to self” means the death of our ego, should we be surprised that marriage is often such a strong corrective to the images we carry of ourselves? So let us give thanks to God for those with whom we are in relationship; especially those who bring us closer to God!

Sunday’s Readings:
Sirach 15.15-20
1 Corinthians 2.6-10
Matthew 5.17-37

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2016 were mailed last weekend. If you do not receive a tax receipt by February 15, please notify the office.

Additionally, please note that receipts for donations made to the Family of Faith campaign or to St. Vincent de Paul are mailed separately.

Family of Faith Campaign receipts will be mailed throughout February and St. Vincent de Paul’s receipts will be mailed by the end of the month.

Thank you for your patience!

PRESENTATION ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Our Director of Family Ministries and Marriage Preparation Coordinator, Marilena Berardinelli, will present on the Sacrament of Marriage this **Wednesday, February 15.**

Marilena will explore the history of marriage in the Catholic Church and offer a theological understanding of marriage as a vocation; as both partners discern together God’s purpose for them as a couple, ultimately guiding one another on the path to sainthood. The talk will begin with evening prayer in the church proper at **7:00pm** before heading over to Charbonnel Lounge. All are welcome! No pre-registration is required.



Above is an image of a rarely seen up-close quatrefoil taken from the scaffolding just before painting and replastering commenced. This particular image denotes the Sacrament of Marriage.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

*Father of life and love,
You created us in your image
– woman and man.*

*We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.
Sustain us in our love
and lead us to a deeper understanding
of your love.*

*Jesus, we come before you,
seeking your guidance and direction
in our relationship.*

*In marriage you call and challenge us
to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.
Be our strength and support, therefore,
as we continue this journey together.*

*Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,
honest commitment united in love.
Give us your strength to carry each other
in times of darkness,
your joy in times of happiness,
and your gift of awe in the uniqueness
and sacredness of each other.
May our love be a reflection and
a sign of your love in the world.
Amen.*

THE BACHOUR FAMILY

It is part of our Catholic mission in living out the Gospel to receive the stranger and welcome refugees. Since many have been inquiring and since we remain fully committed to our parish sponsored refugee family, we can now provide you with some updates. The Bachour family is doing very well in their new Toronto home. Both parents and children are bilingual; they are fluent in French and are excelling in their English classes. The parents are currently searching for work in their respective fields (pharmacy and construction). If you or someone you know may be able to help find meaningful employment for Mr. and Mrs. Bachour, please contact the parish office.



LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 5, 2017 \$5,667.55



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 12th - 18th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dory Santos (+) Pro Populo Hermina Sertic (+) Rory John Cortez (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Luigi & Lina Ciavarella
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Cyril and Methodius Hugh Bethel (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Montin Family (liv.)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Paul Darragh (+) & James Robert Crilly (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Frank, Monica & Mary Gannon (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Anne Lavelle (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Jack Gervais, and Sue Lockwood.

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