

LENT

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



"The Transfiguration," Fra Angelico, 1440-42

St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)
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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

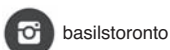
THE BODY OF HIS GLORY

By Lucinda M. Vardey

As we contemplate scripture through the liturgical year many biblical characters are brought to life in their circumstances, their actions and experiences of God. They, like us, all have a part in the story of God's redemption. It is a story which rises and falls through darkness and light, despair and hope, pain and joy.

Abram's part is as a father, not only to the descendants of Israel but eventually to Christians and Muslims. Jesus' part is as a son, anointed to carry out God's work of salvation. The disciples' part is to honour the former people God chose (as Peter, James and John did with Moses and Elijah on the summit of Mount Tabor) and be enlightened by the pure beauty and majesty of Jesus' spirit.

The transfiguration gives us the culminating evidence of everything that Jesus said and did on Earth. It was, if you like, the proof of his divinity as well as his Abramic legacy. God's promise of



the size of Abram's descendants seemed immeasurable at the time, but Jesus showed this promise as true and real, one that lives on to this day and into the future.

Jesus came for our world, Jesus came for us, Jesus came in fulfillment of scripture; Jesus carried the ancient forward. And God continues this salvific work through each of us. It is work that involves our cooperation with grace. It is work that requires personal commitment and discipline in prayer and attentiveness. It is about growing and changing, dying and being born anew.

The heritage we share calls us to turn to the light that is Christ. Whether asleep or awake, we are in a process of transformation that is conforming us, slowly over time, "to the body of his glory." (Phil. 4:1).

Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 9.28b-36

BOOK OF THE ELECT

In the sanctuary you will find a book indicating the names of all those preparing to receive the Sacraments this Easter Vigil. Please keep the "Elect" and all Candidates in your prayers!

PRAYER MINISTRIES DURING LENT

During Lent, Catholics are called to enhance their prayer life as they observe this leniential season. Called to draw closer to God in a spirit of preparation, prayer allows us to re-focus our minds and hearts as we await the death and resurrection of Jesus. St. Basil's has a variety of prayer ministries in which you are most welcome to participate in on a drop-in basis as frequently as you like. Join our community in prayer for **evening vespers Monday through Friday at 5:10pm, the Stations of the Cross recited after evening vespers every Friday in Lent, and Christian Meditation on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. Please visit our parish website for more details or grab a brochure in the vestibule.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY IS BACK!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing (all seasons, men, women, children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support our special works in the community. Bring your donations to the Society's truck for the upcoming **Bundle Up weekend on February 27 and 28**.

Volunteers will be on hand to offer assistance with your items before and after each Mass on February 27 and 28.

R.C.I.A./CREED: INTRODUCTION TO ECO-THEOLOGY

Join our Catechumens and Candidates as we explore the pastoral implications of putting the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' into practice. What is eco-theology and how do we care for creation as our "common home?" To learn more about eco-theology, you are most welcome to attend a presentation given by Dr. Dennis O'Hara from the USMC Faculty of Theology.

This presentation will take place on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00pm**. We begin with evening prayer in the church followed by the formal presentation and discussion in the parish hall. No pre-registration is required. If interested, contact Emily in the main office for more details.

USMC FACULTY OF THEOLOGY: LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

The USMC Graduate Faculty of Theology's Student Life Committee, in partnership with the Office of Campus Ministry, is hosting a mini student lecture series.

The next 20 min talk, delivered by USMC graduate student, Tashia Toupin, on the topic of Eco-Theology will take place on **Thursday, February 25, 2016** from 12:30-1:30pm in Brennan Hall, The Coop. Admission is \$1.00 to cover the cost of a light lunch. No pre-registration is required.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON EUTHANASIA

Join us in the parish hall **after the 12:10 Mass on March 1st** for a discussion about Legalized Euthanasia with Charles Lewis. Charles was a journalist for more than 33 years, including 15 years at the National Post. For seven of those years he covered religion. It was during that time he first began to study write about this important topic. For the past two years he has given more than 40 talks to Catholics parishes and groups about the dangers we face. He now writes twice a month for The Catholic Register on a variety of Catholic issues. A light lunch will be provided to all who wish to attend.

PIANO CONCERT: DR. ADAM ŻUKIEWICZ IN RECITAL

On **Saturday, March 12 at 7:30pm**, Dr. Adam Żukiewicz, Assistant Professor of Piano at the University of Northern Colorado, returns to St. Basil's to perform a concert of solo music on the sanctuary grand piano. Music to include Beethoven's Sonata in E minor, Op. 90, portions of Trnka's Cervnova Nokturna, and Liszt's Sonata in B minor.

Admission is free, donations are welcome to the music program of St. Basil's.

CARDINAL TURKSON LECTURE

The University of St. Michael's College is delighted to announce that Cardinal Peter Turkson will deliver the Kelly Lecture on **Monday, March 14, 2016, at 7:00pm** in St. Basil's Church.

Cardinal Turkson, who serves as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and is Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Coast, Ghana, will begin his visit to campus on Sunday, March 13, presiding at the 4:30 Mass at St. Basil's. Free tickets, must be reserved by emailing: events.usmctheology@utoronto.ca

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, February 14, 2016 \$5,736.47



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 21st-27th

Sunday

9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-
4:30pm-

Second Sunday of Lent

Benito C. Luna (+)
Pro Populo
Cosimo and Antonietta Scoppio (+)
Precilla Veigas (liv.)

Monday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Attilio Colussi (+)
Provy Gibbons (+)

Tuesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Myung Family Thanksgiving
Molly Timmins (+), Hui Fun Cheng (+), Siu Hong Liu (+), and Dr. Giacomo Martino (+)

Wednesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
Winnie Cox (+)

Thursday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
James Streeter (+), Nancy Benn (+), Karen Craig (+), & Atheer, Yousif, and Hanna Sipi (+,+,+)

Friday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

David Jacob (liv.)
Philomena Cruz (liv.)

Saturday

5:00pm-

Philip Bartlett MacDonald (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amiglejo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Hsien Tang Pan Wong, Robert Benn, Claire Fider, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Sr. Mary Sibbald, Kam Fung Tem, and Angel Martinez.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Fred Pitt.

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