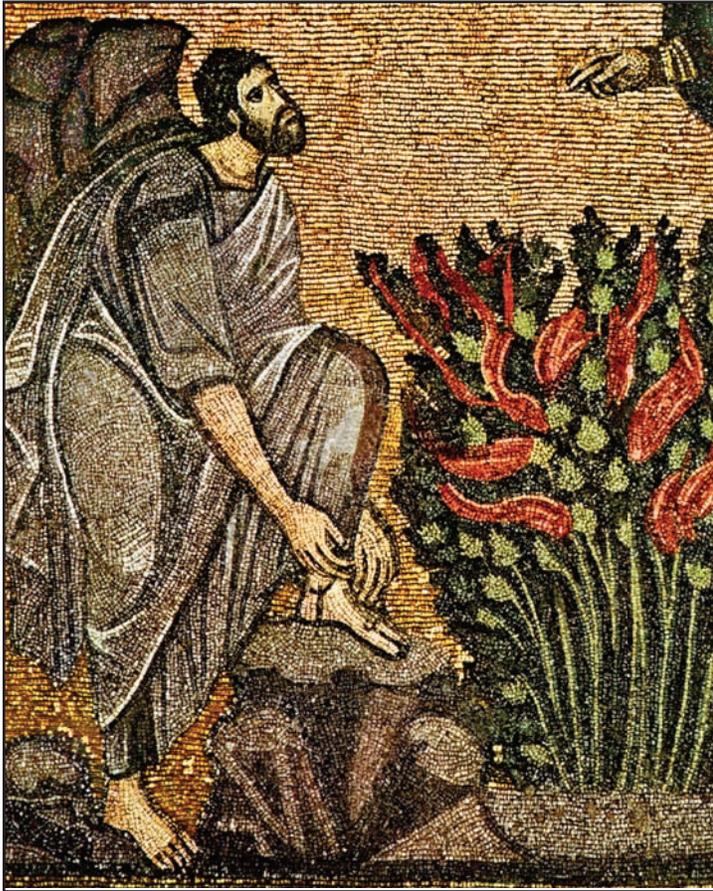


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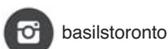
Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

CALLED TO BEAR GOOD FRUIT

By Emily VanBerkum

In the summer of 2013, I studied Hebrew and the Book of Leviticus in Israel. As we were reading through various Torah commentaries, I found a quote that has stayed with me ever since. The commentary stated, "while God is called by many names, God is what God is by virtue of God's deeds. That is to say, you cannot really know God until you experience God in your own life."

Moses had a rather striking experience of God in the form of a burning yet unconsumed bush. God commissioned Moses to bring God's chosen people to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked how he was to identify God when he tells the "children of Israel" about this special encounter. God's response, "I AM WHO I AM," has been translated and interpreted by theologians countless times over. What it tells me is that God cannot be defined by a single name or title. What is first required before a relationship can be forged, is an experience of God. And so, Jesus aims to share an experience of God by telling his



followers a parable about an unfruitful fig tree. But first, his followers unload on Jesus about the murder of Galileans sacrificing in the Jerusalem Temple and the death of those trampled by the crumbling tower of Siloam. For the people gathered around Jesus that day, these tragic moments reiterated that even if God could not be named, they knew some of God's characteristics and that God was wrathful and full of judgment. So Jesus tells a parable that reminds us that God's time and ways are totally unbeknownst to our human mind and ways of thinking. After the vineyard owner's understandable command to cut down the unfruitful tree, the gardener asks for the gift of time. Instead of ignoring the gardener's advice, the vineyard owner responds with patience and gives the fig tree a second chance!

Life is a precious gift and our growth must be nurtured so that good fruit can be born out of us. Today's Gospel reminds us that we continually have the opportunity to produce good fruit according to God's time and plan for us. In this Lenten season, God is the patient vineyard owner who gives us a second chance to grow and produce good fruit. What experiences of God have you had in your life? How have these experiences produced good fruit?

*Sunday's Readings: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15,
1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12, Luke 13.1-9*

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend (**March 5/6**) before and after all Masses, volunteers will be present in the vestibule of the church to collect non-perishable food and monetary donations. Although any contribution is most welcome, our Out of the Cold and Miller Group ministries are most in need of the following items:

- *Juice (non-perishable)
- *Disposable juice glasses
- *Mayonnaise, mustard, balsamic vinegar
- *Assorted dried herbs & spices
- *Canned chicken, tuna, salmon, fruit
- *Cookies, granola bars, pudding cups
- *Socks

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON EUTHANASIA

Join us in the parish hall **after the 12:10pm Mass on March 1** for a discussion about Legalized Euthanasia with Charles Lewis. Charles was a 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.

R.C.I.A./CREED: Q+A NIGHT

Past R.C.I.A presenters return in this fun Q+A evening! Join us on **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00pm** in the church followed for evening prayer followed by discussion in the parish hall when we recap over fifteen weeks worth of content covered thus far in our program. Get a crash course in the basics of Roman Catholic theology and practice as our Elect and Candidates reflect on their learnings thus far. Attend and ask some questions of your own!

When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us. -St. Jerome

Lent is always a wonderful excuse to slow down and live more intentionally, more prayerfully. It's a time for connection and transformation. Come for an evening of greet and meet, conversation with light food and refreshments.

Please join the **LENTEN BOOK CLUB** for our discussion of the book *Sacred Fire* by Ronald Rolheiser on **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm in the parish hall**. No pre-registration is required. If you can, please read the book. If you run out of time to read, come anyway.

**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.

In anticipation of tonight's Academy Awards...

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Worked as a carpenter.

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He died, a young man,

but is still present to those

of various faiths

and to those of none.

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about this particular celebrity:

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for interviews.

~Carole Thomas

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Sunday, February 21, 2016 \$5,944.20



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 28th-MARCH 5th

Sunday

9:00am-

10:30am-

12:00pm-

4:30pm-

Third Sunday of Lent

Emilio and Carlotta Corte (+)

Pro Populo

David DesLauriers (+)

Rosario Alfonso (liv.)

Monday

7:30am-

12:10pm-

Patricia Flood (+)

Duncan Fidler (+)

Tuesday

7:30am-

12:10pm-

Maria Elizabeth and David Josphe Myung & Family

Alice Rowe (+), Rahel, Younis, and Jamal

Pola (+,+,+)

Wednesday

7:30am-

12:10pm-

Thalheimer Family (liv.)

Lorne Battiston (+)

Thursday

7:30am-

12:10pm-

Maria Elizabeth and David Josphe Myung & Family

Simon Kwan (+), Yip Wei Kwan (+),

and Josa Sipi (+)

Friday

7:30am-

12:10pm-

Frank and Mike Gregoire (+)

Mass for Vocations

Saturday

5:00pm-

Rose Carenza (+)

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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