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5:00 pm (Sat);
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
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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

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LOVE AND CHARITY

By John Paul Farahat

I must confess that the second reading for this week gave me pause – many of us will recognize it as a reading often proclaimed at weddings. And I think that it is safe to say that approximately 75% of the 35-40 weddings that take place at Saint Basil's every year incorporate this excerpt from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

So often, we miscategorise this reading as being about romantic love. We assume that Paul is talking about the love between spouses or partners. As meaningful as we may find this interpretation, it is important to point out that the reading is instead referencing charity: that is, God's love for us, our love for God, and our love of neighbour.

Paul is reminding his reader that charity is

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. 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!

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.



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at the core of Christian living and urging a fundamental shift in their way of living out their faith.

How often do we forget to connect our faith to our sense of charity? So often, our faith life, our sense of charity, and our self are not aligned: our ego, our prejudice, our sense of self, all get in the way of being charitable to "the other". How often do we limit our charity to "the familiar"? How often do we forget that our charity is especially called on when we encounter "the other"?

He said to him, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* **(Mt 22:37-40)**

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- JEREMIAH 1.4-5, 17-19
- PSALM 71
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12.31-13.13
- LUKE 4.21-30

ST. VICENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank St. Basil's parishioners for your generous support this past year at the poor boxes, in the October special collection, and on Bundle-up Sunday clothing drives.

Through our volunteers you delivered more than \$70,000 in much-needed food, clothing, bedding and furniture to 249 individuals and family households in 2018, a new record. Our teams made 1,503 home visits in response to requests for immediate help.

More than 98 cents of every dollar went directly to the poor. With your support, St. Basil's has a strong record of heeding the Lord's call to serve the forgotten, the suffering and the deprived.

Thank you.

BUNDLE-UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **March 2 and 3.**

They accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. They don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul donates the goods to families in need, exchanges them for vouchers to help the needy, or sells them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please be sure to tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you in advance for your kind support for those who need it most.

**A VIEW FROM THE (OTHER) BRIDGE:
A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON
IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**

This **Thursday, February 7, at 7PM** in St. Joseph Chapel, Regis College (100 Wellesley St. W.) will host a public lecture "A View from the (Other) Bridge: a Woman's Perspective on Ignatian Spirituality," presented by guest-speaker Gemma Simmonds, CJ.

For centuries women have been collaborating with the Jesuits in the pastoral practice of the Ignatian spiritual heritage. In doing so they have brought to bear on it a particular creative wisdom born of their own experience. Through the perspective of Mary Ward and other Ignatian women, this lecture explores the questions raised by looking at the heritage from another viewpoint.

All are welcome, admission is free. For more information, or to register to attend, please visit <https://regiscollege.ca/event/from-the-bridge/>

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. For more information, visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of **February 9/10, 2019** as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where all are welcome to attend and married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. Special reserved seating is available for couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries and they will be honored with a special blessing. These milestone couples are asked to register to reserve their spot. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis (doors open at 3 p.m.).

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship. For more information and resources on marriage, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 27, 2019 \$5,456.35



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 3RD – 9TH

SUNDAY

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Tamara Tumidajski (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Guido Valente (+)
4:30pm Vito Antonio Lozupone (+)

MONDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Danuta Majewski (liv.)

TUESDAY

ST. AGATHA

7:30am *Holy Souls*
12:10pm Leonardo Escobar (+), Michel Declerck (+)

WEDNESDAY

ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

7:30am The Thalheimer Family
12:10pm Mariola Mayer (liv.)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm David Robert Weiner (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Mary MacDougall (liv.)
12:10pm Emilia Antonia (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Mary Lenoir Kierans (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Donna Wood, Jose Gaitero, Ed Brash, Shane Carroll, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially, Charles Greco.

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