

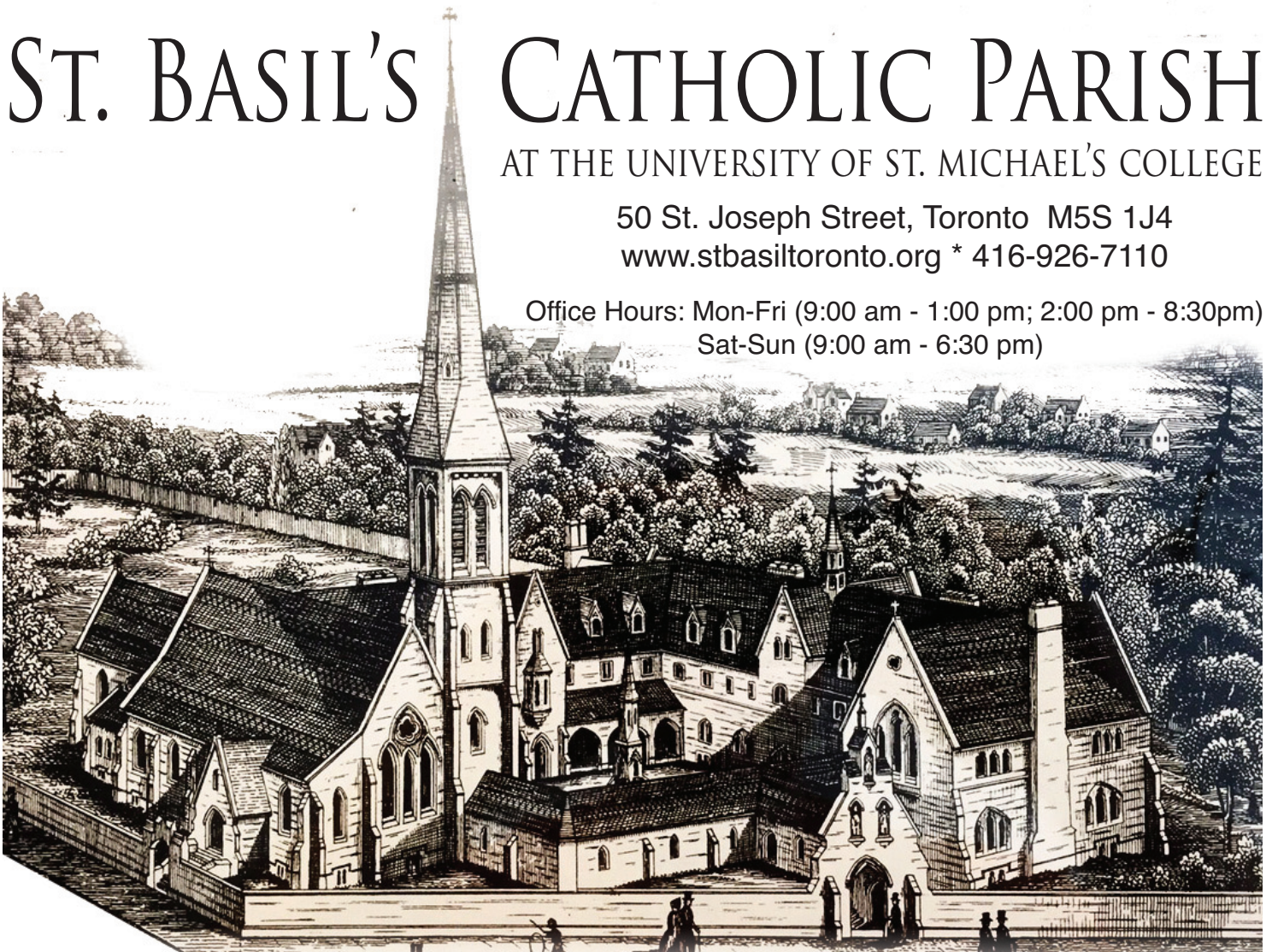
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Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

HAVING AN EPIPHANY

By Lisa Fernandes

Today is the fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany has three meanings. The first meaning when capitalized, refers to the twelfth day of Christmas (January 6th observed January 8th this year) in the Western Catholic Church and is a Feast Day celebrating the first appearance of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. The second meaning refers to the appearance of a divine being to man and the third meaning refers to a revelation or "aha" moment which may or may not be spiritual, such as when an apple fell leading Sir Isaac Newton to formulate his theory of gravity.

I was reminded of one of the most profound divine epiphanies in the Catholic Church when I recently visited an exhibit at the Aga Khan Museum called "Syria: A Living History." I saw a beautiful silver plaque dated 550-600 of Saint Paul on the Road to Damascus. Paul the Apostle was a Pharisee who persecuted Christians. In those days he was called Saul. His view changed on the Road to Damascus when he saw a blinding light from heaven: He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do" (Acts 9:5). After that he became a follower of Jesus. The exhibit showcased the rich history of Syrians and its Christian community which is one of the oldest in the world going back two millennia. We are reminded of the sad state of affairs today in Syria where Christians are in peril and some of them are coming here to Canada as refugees. Today's readings remind us how God favours the less fortunate and the poor.

For example, in the second reading we read: "But God what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God" (1 Cor. 1:27-29). And in the Gospel, the Beatitudes go on to call those who may seem to be afflicted as actually blessed as they receive God's compassion and mercy: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matt. 5:3-6). With the plight of refugees becoming worse, perhaps now we can remember the gifts the Magi brought to the newborn Christ and continue to give the Syrian refugees the gift of freedom.

*Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 2.3,3.12-13;
1 Corinthians 1.26-31; Matthew 5.1-12*

PRESENTATION ON HOLY ORDERS & THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

On **Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00pm** our community continues to better understand the our participation in the Church's sacramental life. **Our Pastor, Fr. Chris Valka, C.S.B., will be our guest speaker** for the night, presenting on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the role of the laity. Fr. Chris will explain his personal vocation story and the collaborative ministry of both the lay and ordained/religious. All are welcome; no pre-registration is necessary. We begin in the church for evening prayer at 7:00pm, then head over together to Charbonnel Lounge for the presentation.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend (**February 4/5**) is our monthly John Ford Food Drive. Please remember that due to our inability to store food items, monetary contributions are especially appreciated. Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

After all Masses next weekend, **February 4/5**, please note that all who are suffering in mind and body are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Did you know? The World Day of the Sick is celebrated yearly in February. In his *Message for the 25th World Day of the Sick 2017*, Pope Francis wrote: "[this celebration of the sick] gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized.

Surely, the moments of prayer, Eucharistic liturgies, and the celebrations of the anointing of the sick...will make new and significant contributions to that service."

Full message linked to bulletin section online.

A NEW PASTOR IS COMING

Last week, Fr. Chris announced that he has been asked to accept a new job in his hometown of Houston, as the Director for the Centre of Faith and Culture at the University of St. Thomas. Thankfully, he will not be leaving immediately as he wants to stay here long enough to complete all capital projects currently underway. It means that he will be here until sometime in May, with an exact date yet to be determined.

His successor has already been named and approved. Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB is currently an Associate Pastor in Rochester, New York. He and Fr. Chris have known each other before either of them joined the Basilians, as they are both from Texas. Frs. Chris and Morgan entered the community and went through their studies together. They have lived in different countries and vacationed together. As Fr. Chris said in his announcement last week, they are as close as brothers, and Fr. Chris cannot imagine a better priest to succeed him than Fr. Morgan.

For those of you finding out about this change for the first time now, as you read this bulletin, we wish there was a better way to share this news with you. As Fr. Chris told us last week, we need to give ourselves time to mourn and accept this change. Even for Fr. Chris, this was an unexpected change - one that has taken him some time to accept as well. He has loved serving this parish as our Pastor, but this is also part of the call to follow God. Though it is hard for him to leave, he knows this is of God. His new job is an important one - one that certainly he will be able to do better because of his time with us. In the same way, our parish will move forward from here because of what we have learned and experienced from God through Fr. Chris. May God bless our parish and Frs. Chris and Morgan as they prepare for new ministries.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2016 will be mailed this weekend. Kindly inform the parish office if you have a change in address or contact information. Additionally, if you do not receive a tax receipt by February 15, please notify the office.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 22, 2017 \$5,660.15



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 29th - FEBRUARY 4th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Julia, Bessie, Harry & Kai Goldman (+) Pro Populo Rene Bercasio (+) Aileen Mary Duffy (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Sisters of Loretto College Simone Minelabag (liv.)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint John Bosco Bosco Tang (liv.) Robert Doherty (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Thalheiner Family Vivien DeSouza (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	The Presentation of the Lord The Myung Family Fiorina Biscardi (+) & Ron Levae (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Blaise & Ansgar Riaz Uddin (+) Vocations
Saturday 5:00pm-	Natalia Macalino (+)

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 Garvey, and Sue Lockwood.

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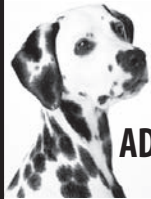
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