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Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)



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.



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

St. Basil's Parish is 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 discretely 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

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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

BY MYSELF

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

One of the major premises of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is that children can do many things by themselves. If they are shown what to do, have all the materials readily available, and are then given the space to do the task, they will succeed. The materials that the children use in the atrium depict central moments in the gospels. These small dioramas and figures allow the children to discover, by themselves, the relationship that they have with the Good Shepherd.

In the gospel today Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" The crowds say He is John the Baptist or Elijah. Peter, who knows Jesus more intimately than the crowds, correctly identifies Jesus as, "The Christ of God" or "the Messiah." Peter gives the correct answer but is told by Jesus not to tell anyone. Jesus then tells his disciples the exact way one can come to fully understand who He is, "If anyone wishes to

come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

In other words, one must come to fully know Jesus, fully enter into relationship with Jesus, by oneself. This knowing is deepened when one can connect ones own suffering to Christ's. This not only allows one to recognize Jesus as Messiah and Lord but enables ones heart to be open to a strong personal relationship with Him. As the children in the atrium come to know Christ as the Good Shepherd who knows and loves His sheep, we too can have a deep relationship with Christ by placing our own burdens, pain, and suffering at the foot of the cross. It is in our complete and total vulnerability before our Lord that we come into total union with Him. Every believer acknowledges Christ as Messiah but each one of us lives a different life, carries a different cross and through that cross we all come to Jesus in our own unique way. If Jesus asked you today, "Who do you say that I am?" would you be able to take faith in your relationship with Him and answer Him honestly? Will you come as vourself to know Him by yourself?

Sunday's Readings: Zechariah 12.10-11;13.1 Galatians 3.26-29 Luke 9.18-24

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Before running programs in our children's atrium in the fall, we will be introducing families and catechists to the space. Part of this introduction includes the opportunity to receive training, or to be re-trained by the Archdiocese here at St. Basil's during a special one-week summer course. The Level One course will take place from July 11th-15th (8:30am-5:30pm) here in St. Basil's Parish.

For more information, or to register, please see the CGS Certificate Program page at www.archtoronto.org or contact Anna Boyagoda, aboyagoda@archtoronto.org.

Prayer To My Fathers

Our Father in Heaven, blessed be your name.

You gave me your name and I take pride in it.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven

Must I see your wisdom only with the hindsight of age and experience?

Give us this day our daily bread

but not for free: grace me with the dignity of earning it.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Again, and again, and again...

And lead us not Into temptation

I admire you and try to imitate you.

But deliver us from evil

I'll never outgrow my need for your patient love and guiding hand.

~Carole Thomas

GENEROSITY AND GRATITUDE AN UPDATE FROM FR. CHRIS

Last week, I spoke to you from the pulpit about generosity. According to John Dalla Costa and Lucinda Vardev in their book, Being Generous, I said that "generosity is not only about giving but about generating. It is a creative act rather than a handout."

It is often used as a synonym for charity, but that reflects a misunderstanding. Charity is being moved to give. Generosity is being moved to change.

Charity is mostly a reaction or responsibility based on sympathy, while generosity is also an anticipation or imagination sparked by empathy. There are overlaps, but in general terms, people are charitable with what is of surplus to them and generous with what is important to them. Everything we do here is about this kind of generosity, and I am so humbled and grateful for this defining characteristic of St. Basil's Parish.

For the past four weeks, you have heard my appeals about our commitment to the Archdiocesan Family of Faith campaign. A month ago, we had only raised 24% of our goal. As of this week, because of your generosity, that number now sits at 88%. We are just \$60,000 short of our goal. Thanks be to God! And thanks be to you! I am also happy to report that this week we submitted all permits for the lower level renovations to the city. We have received the budget from the construction manager and have all the necessary funds to complete the project in full, which is projected for completion this September.

These renovations will accomplish many needs new kitchen, additional for our parish: washrooms, expanded hall space and additional meeting rooms, disability access, and code compliance at all levels. If you are interested, vou can see more details www.stbasiltoronto.org/building-improvements. As we begin work, I will keep you updated on each section as it unfolds.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, June 12, 2016 \$7,422.30



Sunday **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am-Lorne Driscoll (+)

Pro Populo 10:30am-

Luigi Ciavarella (+) 12:00pm-Lim Huy-Long (+) 4:30pm-

Monday

7:30am-Fr. James Rent, C.S.B (+) 12:10pm-Fr. G. G. Gregoire (+)

Tuesday Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

7:30am-Edeardo Lavarro (liv.)

Esperanza Arteficio (+), Marcia Morris (+), Stella 12:10pm-& Patricia Beresford (+), Alois & Marta Dolezel (+)

Wednesday Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

Hovanec Family 7:30am-Attilio Colussi (+) 12:10pm-

Thursday

Glenda Crow (+) 7:30am-

Fr. C.J. Principe (+). Fr. Dan Chui (+) 12:10pm-

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Friday

Pro Populo 7:30am-Baby Martin (+)

12:10pm-

Saturday

Hermina Sertich (+) 5:00pm-

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Marina Kazakis, Betty Hill, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Gerald Guest, and Steve Paijie.

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