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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)
Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

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.

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

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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

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

"SHE HAS SHOWN GREAT LOVE"

By Emily VanBerkum

How many times in our lives have we played the role of Simon from today's Gospel account? During dinner together, Simon the Pharisee questions Jesus' willingness to accept the hospitality of a "sinful" woman who showed up unexpectedly. In Jesus' time, the very presence of this marginalized woman and her subsequent actions- weeping at Jesus' feet, bathing them with her tears, anointing them with ointment then drying them with her hair- would have been understandably shocking during an all-male dinner party. What naturally followed was Simon's skepticism. Simon believed that if Jesus were truly a Prophet he would know that this woman is a sinner and therefore would not break with custom or purity laws by allowing her to touch him. However, this very encounter proved just what a great Prophet Jesus really was.

Even in the Old Testament, prophets acted counter-culturally and served as a mouthpiece for God's message- often times in an environment that proved unwilling to hear such a message despite its great

need. Through this interaction with the woman, Jesus was able to communicate God's message loud and clear. In fact, Jesus used a parable about two debtors to ensure no ambiguity in conveying God's abundant love and forgiveness to the sinner. According to Jesus' parable, a creditor had two debtors, "one owed five hundred denarii, the other fifty." However when neither could repay the debt, the creditor cancelled the debts for both of them. Looking at the woman, Jesus explained to Simon that he felt truly graced by the presence and hospitality of a contrite sinner kneeling at his feet. The woman's sins were forgiven because in spite of her unworthiness she managed to show Jesus "great love."

What a relevant message for us today. No matter what crosses we bear- or how lengthy our self-perceived laundry list of sins happens to be- God wants to forgive us and we must continually bear witness to Christ through "great love" shown to others. We must not play the part of Simon by comparing our personal sins to that of another assuming that we are better or worse off than them. In faith, place all that you are by the feet of Jesus, and He will transform your unworthiness and sinfulness into profound joy and selfless love. A selfless love that both helps keep us close *and* draws others to Christ.

Sunday's Readings: 2 Samuel 12.7-10, 13; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7.36-8.3

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

It's time to get those gently used clothing items out of your closet and into a new home! Next weekend is Bundle Up weekend at our parish.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing 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 **June 18 and 19**. Volunteers will be on hand to offer assistance with your items before and after each Mass on June 18 and 19. **Remember, please do not bring items until the specified Bundle Up weekend. Only then will we have a truck on site. We do not have space in the parish to store items beforehand.*

ORGAN CONCERT: ACROSS THE CHANNEL

On **Friday, June 17, at 7:30pm**, Director of Music & Principal Organist John Paul Farahat presents a concert of organ music featuring composers with connections to France and England (with a brief pass through Germany). In addition to works by Pierre Du Mage (1674 - 1751), Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937), and J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750), the concert will include the electrifying Toccata by Jean Guillou (b. 1930), as well as Herbert Howell's (1892 - 1983) Rhapsody no. 3 and Healey Willan's (1880 - 1968) monumental Introduction, Passacaglia, and Fugue.

Admission is free, donations are welcome towards the maintenance and restoration of the 1919 Casavant Frères organ of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish. Please contact JP at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca for more information. This recital is in partial fulfilment of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Toronto (Recital II of III).

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

For over a year, a few parishioners, including Fr. Chris, have been in a certification course and preparing all the many materials for our new children's atrium so that we can formally begin the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program this coming Fall. However, we plan to use the summer season to start introducing the space to families and training catechists. **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.**

Level 1 Foundations Course: Children ages 1-6
Part 1: July 11th-15th, 2016 (8:30am-5:30pm)
Part 2: Offered summer 2017, St. Basil's Catholic Church

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

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Three weeks ago, I invited you into a conversation about our Family of Faith Campaign performance. I am thankful for the many responses I have received. As I heard from a number of people, there were two consistent messages: First, there is general confusion about where the money goes or what it will be used for. So here is what you need to know: Family of Faith is over and above all the other collections you are used to experiencing, and the Archdiocese is hoping you make a gift to this campaign specifically without decreasing amounts you already give on a regular basis. The details of how the money is spent is found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/ffc/Pages/The-Campaign.aspx>.

All of this means that Family of Faith is not the same as our regular collection for the operations of St. Basil's Parish; nor is it the same as our own restoration/community capital fund; nor is it the same as ShareLife; nor is it the same as any of the other second collections throughout the year. This parish has also been focused on its own "capital campaign" over almost two decades. Though we do not yet have all of the funds necessary to do all of the work we need to do; the Archdiocese has come to us now to accomplish a different and equally important task- which we do our best to meet because we are part of the Archdiocese and they have asked this of us. At the same time, you can only give what you can give. I cannot demand this of you, especially when I am aware of this parish's immense generosity. But if you have the ability to make a contribution, over and above the rest, then I ask you to give for those who cannot, to support those parishes who cannot support themselves. Together, our gift is made out of our abundance – and we thank God for the ability to do so. The second message I heard concerned communications. Some parishioners have told me that they thought I would be making personal phone calls or writing more letters. While we did try to form a committee, there were too many limitations to make an impact, and we quickly heard that parishioners wanted to hear from me.

Please know that if you call or write, I will respond, but I am only one person. And more of anything means sacrificing something, so please consider this the letter – the phone call – the ask. Lastly, we all understand that people need time to plan their finances, which is why the option of pledging is available. If you cannot give now, but want to do so, then this also fulfills our commitment. There are pledge forms in the vestibule or you can always visit our website and find the campaign logo on the homepage. Again, I am so grateful for all that you do and have done.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, June 5, 2016 \$5,876.65



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 12th - 18th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Katrina Teh (liv.) Pro Populo Magdalena Benemerito (+) Pablo Rodas (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Anthony of Padua Myung Family (liv.) Eiyvand Petersen (+) and Kathleen Escott (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Helen Maria Eustachiwna Andrusyszyn Malina (+), Elvira Villarreal (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Lawrence Tauro (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo David Ferraro (+), Concetta Hughes (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Frank, Monica, & Mary Gannon (+,+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Sarah Luong (liv.)

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 Pajjie.

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