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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



THE GALATIAN HOUSE OF POUTINE

By Tina Sibbald

Sometimes a lesson is difficult to learn, until it suddenly isn't.

Has your Doctor ever advised you to lose weight, or adjust your diet for health reasons? If you are anything like me, being told you couldn't have – say – poutine makes you want it even more. You abstain, but the resentment grows and you crave poutine. All you can think about is poutine. You may even break down and say "well it's just this once" and actually order poutine, hoping that no one who knows you walks by that great poutine place on Queen Street and sees you scarfing it down as if it were your last meal.

On the other hand, suppose you had a health scare, like a heart attack*. Now you understand that it could mean the difference between life and death if you don't stop eating unhealthy food. So you stop. You follow the letter of the law. It is not always easy but you know it is the only way to guarantee your survival. Then one day, out of the blue, you wake up suddenly feeling better than you have felt for a long time. You realize "this is amazing, I feel fabulous! Eating healthy

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
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

is for me!" All at once, not only have you stopped craving junk food, it actually repulses you and you cannot begin to imagine how you ever could have liked it in the first place. How amazing is that freedom from the slavery of junk food when you know it leads to a long, healthy life and allows you to engage in healthy activities that were once more difficult?

Jesus died for us that we might have freedom. At the same time, there are rules and laws, which we must follow, and it is not always easy to ignore our desires – the things we want because we think they make US feel good. It is God’s intention for us to ignore the desires of the flesh and be servants to others. Herein lies what we might see as a conundrum: do we concentrate on the rules – the “thou shalt not’s” or do we concentrate on the gift of freedom purchased with Christ’s own blood? A list of rules is absolute – easy to understand but not always easy to follow. Christ’s blood, shed for us, is less easy to understand. This gift cannot be evaluated within the confines of human reason, yet it gives us freedom from the bondage of rules and laws. However, each of us must train our own conscience to fall back on this gift. When we stop obsessing over what we are “not allowed” to do, and concentrate on a relationship with God, we will start to realize how spiritually healthy our lives become, and chances are, the cravings will ease for all the junk in our lives that ultimately makes us so unhappy.

Sometimes a lesson is difficult to learn, until suddenly it isn’t, because we leaned on God’s mercy. The brilliance from that light bulb moment makes me want to fall to my knees and adore Him.

**My fifth life-saving heart procedure in 10 years took place one week ago. It saved not only my heart, but also my soul. Thanks be to God!*

*Sunday’s Readings:
1 Kings 19.16b, 19-21
Galatians 5.1, 13-18
Luke 9.51-62*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

If you are considering enrolling in our baptismal preparation class for parents and Godparents, then please note that we **will not be hosting a class in the month of August**. We will however offer a class on Saturday, July 30 and Saturday, September 24. To register, please contact Emily: emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.

SEEKING CATECHISTS

Are you certified in Level 1 or Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If so, we want you to be part of the St Basil’s Catechist team!

We are looking for Catechists to volunteer for weekly or biweekly Atrium sessions:
Sundays, 9:45-11:00am or 11:15-12:30pm
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

If you are interested, please contact Leanna at leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend (**July 2/3**), volunteers will be on hand before and after all Masses in the vestibule of the church to collect your monetary and non-perishable food donations for our John Ford First Sunday Food Drive.

Although all contributions are most welcome, our Out of the Cold and Miller Group ministries are most in need of the following items:

- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, and ham
- Mayo, mustard
- Cookies, crackers, granola bars, pudding cups, fruit cups, cake mix
- Ground coffee, tea, juice containers, juice boxes

DRIVER NEEDED

Did you know that every Saturday volunteers from our community outreach ministries drive to Silverstein’s Bakery on McCaul Street to pick-up donated bread for our Out of the Cold and Miller Group meal programs?

This is a vital ministry that happens behind-the-scenes! However, to eliminate the need to schedule volunteers and find replacements, we are hoping to find one regular driver who can commit to weekly bread pick-ups. If you can participate by picking up bread regularly on your Saturday morning, then please contact Emily at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca or call 416-926-7110 x3210 for more information.

Congratulations to our Director of Music & Principal Organist, John Paul Farahat! His concert on June 17 was in partial completion of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at The University of Toronto's Faculty of Music. It was a varied program that highlighted the range of our parish's Casavant Frères organ. Thank you for the wonderful audience turnout.

In celebration of The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29)

Paul: With Passionate Simplicity

Your voice calls down the ages,
surging with emotion and intensity,
your eloquence still far greater
than your sense of diplomacy.
Your zeal was outstanding.
You did not merely hate Christians:
You slaughtered them
Until you came face to face
with One who showed you
a Love no hate could overcome.
You did not simply set out
To follow the Way: you tried to bring
the whole world with you.
None could doubt the urgency
of your conviction:
Where you could not go, you sent others
bearing letters:
words inspired by the Word...
With passionate simplicity
you took to heart the command,

"Go, tell all nations..."

~Carole Thomas

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, June 19, 2016 \$6,241.51



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 26th - JULY 2nd

- Sunday** **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00am- Lynda and Grant Wilson (+)
10:30am- Pro Populo
12:00pm- Ann Tung (liv.)
4:30pm- Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kerwin (+)
- Monday** **Saint Cyril of Alexandria**
7:30am- Ann Graham (+)
12:10pm- Nick Franceschini (+)
- Tuesday** **Saint Irenaeus**
7:30am- Pro Populo
12:10pm- Kathleen McKale (+), Ron Newman (+)
- Wednesday** **Saints Peter and Paul**
7:30am- Celeste Law (+)
12:10pm- Pro Populo
- Thursday**
7:30am- Pro Populo
12:10pm- James Havey and Eleanor McBride (+)
- Friday** **Canada Day**
9:00am- George Prassas (+)
**There will be no 12:10pm Mass or confession today.*
- Saturday**
5:00pm- Ethel Day (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Koval's'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.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Tomas Tagsa.

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