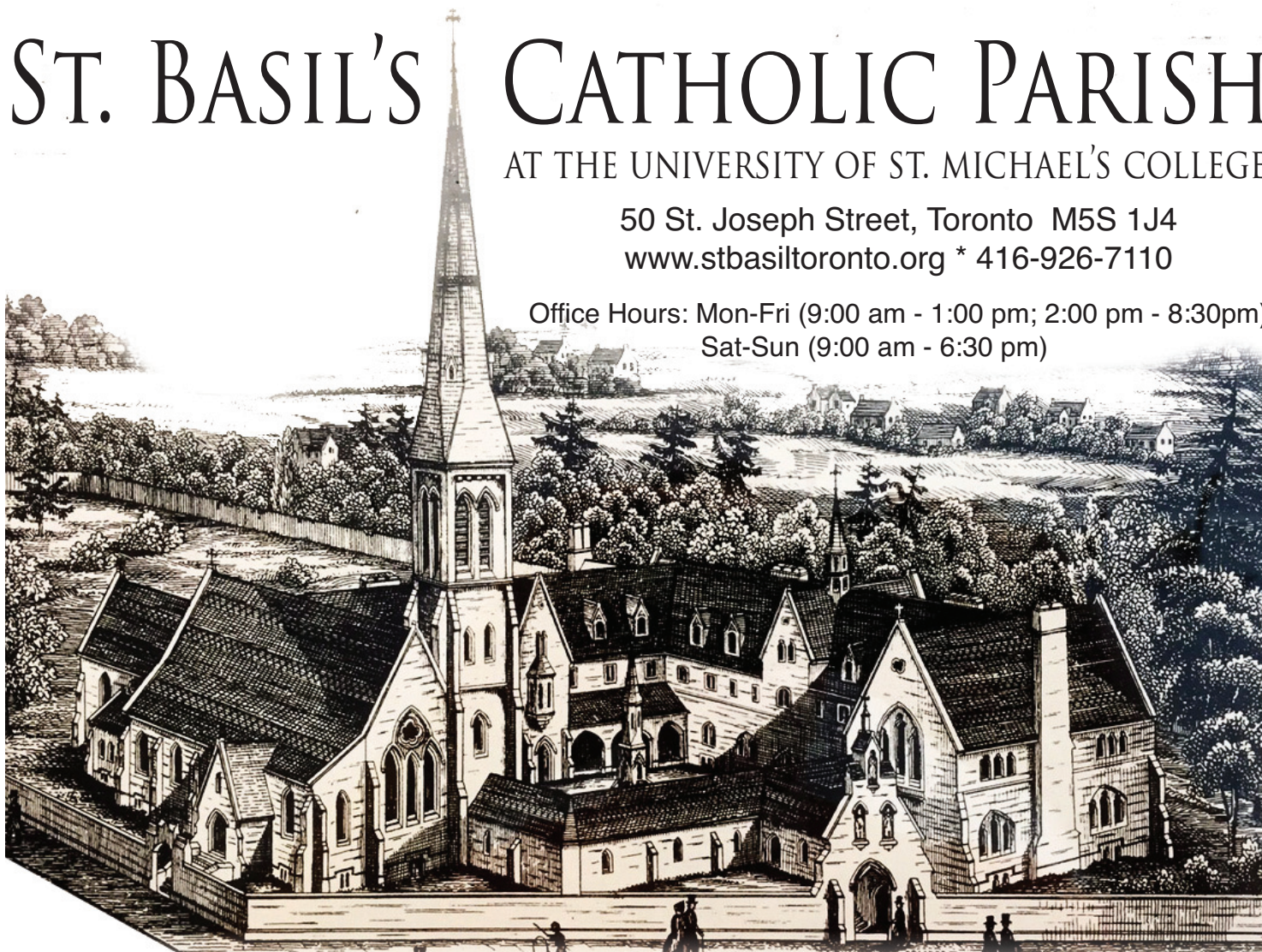


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## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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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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For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been 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 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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Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Michael Pirri
Director of Family Ministries:	Mailena Berardinelli
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## LOST IN TRANSLATION

By Tina Sibbald

“Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.”

Have you ever been online and, on viewing comments or content in a language you don't know, use a program such as Google® translate to figure out what you are reading? Somehow, the translation seems awkward, and you know grammar and syntax are all messed up. But at least you get the gist of what is going on.

It kind of feels just like that reading 1 Peter. “Make your defense” sounds, well, so *defensive*. It has this back-against-the-wall connotation like we have to come out swinging in defense of Jesus. Is there anything less attractive than a Christian who is angry for the wrong reasons?

The reality is that if we all understood Greek it would all make so much more sense. “Make your defense” is the best translation from the Greek apologia, which has nothing to do with being apologetic or sorry. It means to give a reason for our faith.

Of course, in an academically oriented parish, I hardly need to explain the study of apologetics to our students, but for the rest of us, there is a lesson here.

It really matters HOW we make the case for Christ, and if we can't find ways to do it by example, well, it just seems futile. When we are vengeful, spiteful, or judgmental towards those who just don't understand what Christ did for us, how could we hope to set an example? We are all imperfect, so how can our righteous indignation win people to Christ? It is only kindness, compassion and empathy, that can accomplish this.

Coming from a church background which condoned shaming and humiliating and rallying in angry protest against anyone whose life did not fit into a narrow view of what a Christian should be, I have since spent significant time considering how I can show the love of Christ in a broad and inclusive way. It really matters HOW we make the case for Christ. While none of us is perfect, we are called to be examples to the best of our imperfect abilities.

I, for one, will miss the way in which Fr. Chris has

exemplified the quiet and respectful manner in which we can win people for Christ. Sometimes it is all about what you don't say, but rather what you do. I will always cherish his example.

How might your quiet actions win someone for Christ this week?

*Sunday's Readings:*

*Acts 8.5-8, 14-17*

*1 Peter 3.15-18*

*John 14.15-21*

## MAGDALA CONFERENCE IN ROME: SHARING INSIGHTS WITH THE PARISH

From April 28-30, participants from all over the world gathered for an international conference in Rome titled 'Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology.' Emily and Lucinda presented at this conference and Fr. Chris was in attendance as a representative of the Basilian Fathers who serve as the primary sponsor. This gathering was a tremendous success and we are pleased to share with you a link to an online video offering you an overview of the topics covered and introducing you to some of the presenters: <https://youtu.be/P0fxlgRIFjA>.

You are also most welcome to attend a gathering in which you can hear Emily's presentation, Fr. Chris' insights as a participant, and ask questions about our discoveries as we head into the third season of our Magdala conciliary meetings here in St. Basil's Parish.

Come discover for yourself our community's exploration of feminine theology on **Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00pm in Macrina Hall**. All are welcome! No pre-registration is required.

## BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

Mark your calendars! On **June 24 and 25** St. Vincent de Paul will have a pick-up truck on site for Bundle Up weekend. Volunteers will be on hand to collect donations by the truck before and after all weekend Masses. For a list of items that are accepted, please visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca).

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING &  
FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. CHRIS**

As you know, our community's Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell reception for Pastor Fr. Chris Valka will take place on **Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30pm** (with reception to follow in the newly renovated parish hall immediately following Mass). In order for things to run smoothly during the reception, volunteers are needed to help put out food, replenish supply, and clean. If you are interested, please contact Stela in the main office. She will record your name and further details will be provided to you by phone or email as we approach June 6.

The reception will be a pot luck and your contributions will be gratefully accepted. You do not have to inform the main office about what you intend to bring. Contributions are not mandatory; your presence is most welcome. All we ask is that you kindly observe the following special requests when deciding on items to bring:

- Food is to be delivered 2:00pm onwards on June 6 only (nothing can be stored ahead of time)
- We make a special request for contributions that do not require refrigeration or reheating

If you would like to bring a gift, you may do so in person when you greet Fr. Chris and offer him your best wishes! If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the office.

**ORGAN BENEDICTION AND CONCERT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30PM**

After months of extensive restoration, the organ of Saint Basil's is unveiled in the Rite for the Benediction of an Organ. Join Frs. Chris and Morgan as they bless the newly-restored instrument, and as our Director of Music and Principal Organist, John Paul Farahat, brings it to life!

The short Benediction service will be followed by a brief intermission. The second half of our evening will include a concert of music celebrating the French heritage of the Basilian Fathers.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:**

Sunday, May 14, 2017      \$6,360.50



**MASS INTENTIONS**

MAY 21st - 27th

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00am-<br>10:30am-<br>12:00pm-<br>4:30pm- | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b><br>Louis Corte (+)<br>Pro Populo<br>Tomo Vidovic (+)<br>Hermina Sertic (+) |
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                        | Gergoria Caunan (+)<br>Faith Goldy & Michael Gazos   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                       | Lorena Vicente (liv.)<br>Pauline Robert (+) and Eugenia Abords (+)                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                     | Marcelina Donato (+)   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                      | <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b><br>Victor Eleazar (+)   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:30am-<br>12:10pm-                        | <b>Saint Philip Neri</b><br>Jose Finu Chua Chiaro (+)<br>Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)                   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00pm-                                  | Terry Mangan (+)   |

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 Gervais, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Loreto Manalo.

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