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"THE DESCENT OF THE SPIRIT" BY GUSTAVE DORE

St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845). We are the collegiate church of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, as well as being the parish church to our parishioners who come to worship here from all over the city.

Since October 2007, we have been the home of the National Televised Daily Mass, reaching people in their homes all over Canada. The Daily Mass is broadcast six days a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads Television Network, and Salt and Light TV. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**UNITING DIVERSITY**  
by Lucinda M. Vardey

What do we receive when we receive the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit is often described as the Paraclete, which in the original Greek and Latin means comforter, consoler and advocate. St. Paul enhances our understanding by listing the diverse gifts and fruits that are usually bestowed. Then there are the signs which reveal the actual presence of the Spirit through tongues of fire or a descending white dove.

For most of us, though, the Holy Spirit is a purely subjective experience, a personal encounter with the presence of God in mostly intangible ways. We become more deeply aware of this powerful presence through the help of prayer, and the revealing evidence of God's direction and providence as we go about our lives.

In a Pentecost novena composed by Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross) she begins with a question,

"Who are you, sweet light, that fills me,  
And illumines the darkness of my heart?"

The indwelling spirit is to her "The space that embraces my being and buries it in yourself... nearer to me than I to myself, and more interior than my most interior."

To Edith, the Holy Spirit is the "sweet manna of eternal love" in the heart of Jesus that continually overflows into hers and creates anew by penetrating everything.

Another of our saints, Hildegard of Bingen, also evoked Edith's revelation of the permeation of the Holy Spirit as a grace of integrity.

May we receive, on this important Feast, an opening of our hearts to welcome more fully the infinite love of Jesus poured through us and then towards others, making one our church community within the "eternal jubilation" (Stein) of Jesus' universal Church.

**READINGS:** *Acts 1.1-11, Ephesians 1.17-23 or Ephesians 4.1-13, Mark 16.15-20*

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:  
BUILDING THE CHILDREN'S ATRIUM**

We are beginning a summer project to build a "Children's Atrium" (a space where 0-6 year olds will learn and be practically catechized). Some materials need to be made, and we need your skills to make them!

If you have a special knack for **woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, painting/drawing/sketching, or crafting** please contact Leanna at [lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org), and she will schedule a consultation with you. We have lots of instructions and blueprints to help with the building of these materials, and the Basil's Team is willing to answer any questions you might have!

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

From June 1 until the Tuesday after Labour Day, St. Basil's will adopt a summer schedule for weekday Masses. During this time there will be no regular 5:10 Mass during the weekdays. All other Masses will occur as usual. The TV Mass will be filming irregularly during June in order to prepare for their transition to their new location. There is also a great deal of work that will occur in the church as the radiators are removed.

During this time, Fr. Chris will be seeking input from the community about the weekday Mass schedule. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak to him about them.

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS**

It is better to have a Church that is wounded but out in the streets than a Church that is sick because it is closed in on itself.

**ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES:**

We are having a general meeting with Fr. Chris to discuss activities children over six can participate in at the church ie: Children's Choir, Alter Servers, Family Mass (Sundays @ 12:00), the Edge program and any other ideas you wish to table.

The meeting will take place on Wed. May 27 from 7-8:30 in the parish hall.

**RETREAT REFLECTION**

**Fr. Chris**

This past week, the parish staff took time away from the office for a retreat day. Led by one of our own parishioners, John Dalla Costa, we took time to pray, dream and consider how we can best serve all those who come to this parish looking for goodness, discipline, and knowledge.

As you can imagine, it was an extraordinary day; and so I would like to share with you a bit about the conversation that took place. It would be my hope that in doing so, you might be willing to invite yourself into the conversation in the form of an appointment with myself or anyone else on the staff to discuss your dreams and hopes for the parish.

The day was themed on John 15:15, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what the Master is doing. I have called you friends. . ."

It is common for many organizations to think of the brand, mission and vision during such days, but we used the language of story. We recognized the benefit of a common language to discuss what is happening in our parish. Words are very important. For example, rather than speaking of "brokenness" and "repair", we recognized that what we are really doing as a community is "growing" and "pruning".

We spoke about Pope Francis' concept of the "art of accompaniment" and the hunger for relationship. We also recognized that too much newness is harmful for a relationship, but the occasional surprise or spontaneity can be very healthy.

We were asked questions like, "Toronto needs St. Basil's to be. . ." and "To fulfill our God-given potential, St. Basil's needs. . ."

We all recognized that what our parish is doing is unique as well as universal, which is often the result of the contribution of individual parishioners.

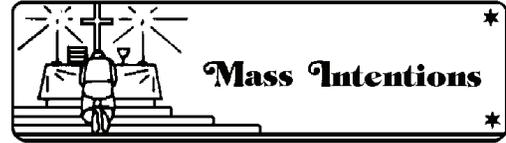
As you can imagine such thoughts made for an overwhelming day, but that is what it was supposed to be. We will all be processing such thoughts for some time, and you are welcome to process with us.

Until the next evolution of the conversation, I will tell you that I am humbled by the people with whom I work. This parish is blessed with incredible gifts and people to steward those gifts. Know that what is done is done with a servants heart, and with a deep love of God and God's people.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, May 17, 2015

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**May 24 – 30, 2015**

**Pentecost Sunday**

- 9:00 – Donato & Eliza Corte +,+
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Flora Soubeiga +
- 4:30 – Olivia Santos (liv.)

**Monday**

- 7:30 – Special Intention of Donor
- 12:10 – Lorena Vincente (liv.)
- 5:10 – Ronda Ward +

**Tuesday – St. Philip Neri**

- 7:30 – Josefina Chua Chiacco +
- 12:10 – Terry Mangan +
- 5:10 – Sr. Margaret O'Keefe, I.B.V.M +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Paul Watman +
- 12:10 – Fiorina & Ernesto Di Pede +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Paul Watman +
- 12:10 – Benemerita Family (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**

- 7:30 – Mariano Chua Yu King +
- 12:10 – Ryszard Brzezinski +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Ana Maria Botelho Barbir +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.**

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