

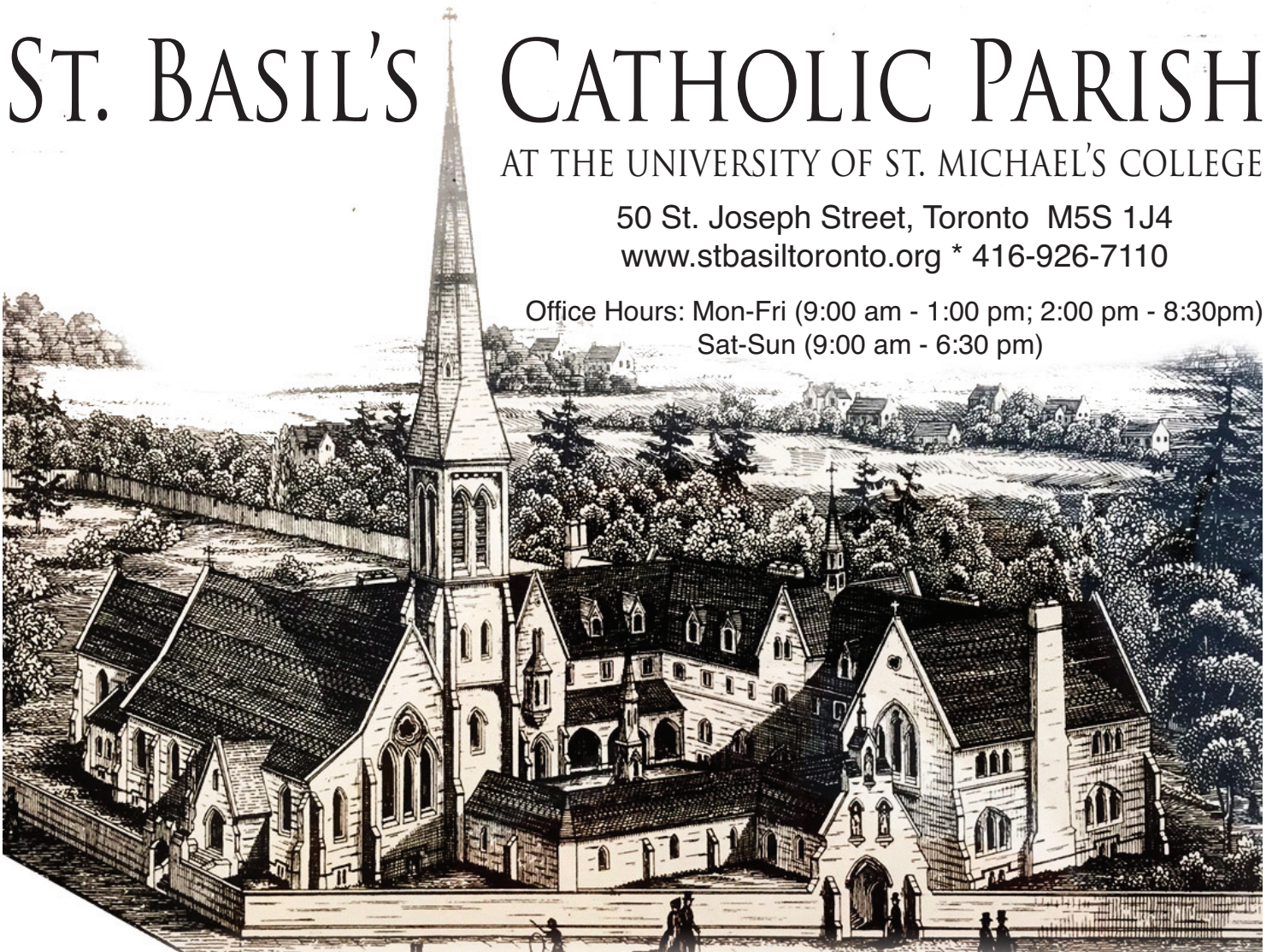
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5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 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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Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
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Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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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!

SLOW DOWN AND SEE

By Lucinda M. Vardey

We are reminded in today's scriptures of the beauty and love of God that is present in all creation. I have the privilege of living in the countryside for about one-third of the year and it has allowed me to develop deeper awareness of divine presence in all things and to learn from natural life. Birdsong invites the soul to be lifted into singing hymns of ceaseless praise and thanksgiving, come rain or shine. Animals teach gentleness of heart and the freedom to live in the moment without thoughts (or plans) for the morrow. Flowers invite humility and are great teachers of the gifts of stillness and silence. American Cistercian Thomas Merton referred to wildflowers as "little saints." Fish teach us to abandon ourselves into the flow of the waters of life, the current that guides us to surrendering all to God's will. And then there are the great trees, roots hidden in the goodness of God, who stand, like majestic sentinels and generous friends.

Have our lives become too busy to notice God's handiwork around us, to give thanks, to see how scripture lives in each living being? Are we able to share in the simple blessings available to us in the happenings of nature each day?

What a friend that sycamore became for Zacchaeus! Without its support, Jericho's chief tax collector would have missed that precious encounter with Jesus. Being able to see Jesus, Jesus saw him, and not only saw him but went to stay in his house. From that time he changed his view of things, he cleared up his corrupt life and received salvation. We know neither the time or place when Jesus may call us, but by practising awareness of natural beauty can at least help us to slow down and see differently.

Sunday's Readings:
Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

ADVENT "BLUE BOOKS"

The Advent "blue books" will be on sale in the vestibule after all Masses on November 19/20 for \$2.00. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

ST. BASIL'S READER'S GROUP

St. Basil's Readers Group will meet next on **Tuesday, November 1 from 7:00-8:30pm in room 006** to discuss *Being Generous*. All are welcome even if you have not completed the book. Light Refreshments are served. For further information, contact dorismarcon@rogers.com.

PRESENTATION ON CHRISTOLOGY

All are invited this **Wednesday, November 2** with a presentation on Christology- beginning with evening prayer at **7:00pm in the church** (followed by the talk at 7:15pm in Charbonnel Lounge on the USMC campus).

Dr. Eric Mabry (Professor of theology at Regis College) will present on the study of Jesus Christ. How do Catholics understand this important figure? How can Jesus Christ be both fully human and fully divine? All are welcome to attend! No pre-registration is required.

ADVENT RETREAT

You are invited to an Advent retreat, "Finding Your Way to Advent," hosted by TAVDA and USMC Campus Ministry. The retreat will take place on **Sunday, November 13 immediately after the 4:30pm Mass in the Coop**, Brennan Hall (on the USMC campus). This is a three-part retreat. Registration is required. Please email Angelo Minardi (angelo.minardi@utoronto.ca) by Monday, November 7.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS

In commemoration of All Saints' and All Souls' Day, and as a special way to honour our deceased loved ones at this time, our parish's 'Book of Remembrance' will be on display in the sanctuary throughout the entire month of November. Please sign the names of the faithfully departed and pray for those listed.

There will be a 5:10pm Mass on Tuesday, November 1 to commemorate All Saints' Day.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

John Ford First Sunday Food Drive is next weekend (**November 5/6**). Food or monetary donations are most welcome in the vestibule of the church after all Masses. Out of the Cold will be gifting toiletry items to our patrons at Christmas. To complete our offerings and meet the needs of our patrons, we are in most need of:

- Canned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken
- Canned soup
- Canned beans and vegetables
- Pasta, tomato sauce, mustard
- Cookies, crackers
- Granola bars, pudding/fruit cups
- Ground/instant coffee, tea
- Juice containers, large cartons of juice
- Baking/cake mix
- Chocolate
- Toiletry items, such as: hand warmers, deodorant, bar soap, hand cream, lip balm, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, face wipes, combs, perfume, shampoo, shaving cream, hair products, cotton balls, and facial moisturizers
- New clothing items such as: hats, mitts, scarves, thick (warm) socks, undershirts, womens tights, womens underwear

Zaccheus: A Modern Parable

The celebrated teacher
came to town to speak
at the new lecture hall.
Everyone would be there.

For all his wealth
and influence,
Zaccheus was unable
to purchase a ticket
for the great event.

In desperation,
he forsook his pride
and crept in by a back way,
hoping he would go
unnoticed.

Instead,
he stole the show.

(Poem submitted by: Carole Thomas)

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 23, 2016 \$6,518.95



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 30th - NOVEMBER 5th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Azucena Ong Uy (+) Pro Populo Howard Shaughnessy (+) Marian & Zofia Kupfer (+,+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	John Davis (liv.) Francesco & Maria Rosa Vetro (+), and Conception Predade D'Costa (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- 5:10pm-	All Saints' Day Hyung Bum Myung & Paul Hyun, and All Souls Pauline Moise (+), Vladimir Joulin (+), Igor Zhulyn (+), and Angelita De Lean Gabriel (+) Vocations
Wednesday	All Souls' Day
7:30am- 12:10pm-	Thalheimer Family (liv.) Scoppio & Lozupone Family
Thursday	Saint Martin de Porres
7:30am- 12:10pm-	Thomas Wong Hokkian (+) Zoltan Hancar (+)
Friday	Saint Charles Borromeo
7:30am- 12:10pm-	Gerald Guest (+) Frank & Mike Gregoire (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Protection of Unborn Children

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, and Filomena La Rocca.


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