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5:00 pm (Sat);  
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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.

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Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

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## ABSOLUTES

by Lisa Fernandes

*"Nothing is certain except death and taxes"* as Benjamin Franklin said, referring humorously to secular absolute truths. In today's readings, though, we hear about absolute truths according to God.

In the first, we hear the absolute that there is one God: *"I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no God."* (Isaiah 45.5)

In the second, we are told we have absolutely been chosen by God: *"For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that He has chosen you..."* (1 Thessalonians 1.4)

When we get to the Gospel, the discussion about absolutes is not as clear; we have to think about the relationship between

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Christianity, secular government and society. Jesus avoids the trick but answers the question of the Herodians and Pharisees when they ask Him if the Jews should pay taxes to the Romans.

The Pharisees thought that if He said yes, He would be betraying His people and collaborating with the enemy, Rome. The Herodians thought if He said no He would be a traitor to Rome. Instead, He said: *"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's". (Matthew 22.21)* Jesus gave them a truthful answer but one that isn't a simple absolute yes or no, but requires reflection and acting with the right intentions.

What is Jesus saying? There has been a lot of scholarly discussion about this passage and many interpretations. I see it as acknowledgement that it is often a difficult line to walk between the secular and the spiritual but they are not separate; they complement each other. A good person will both pay taxes and follow God's law.

It can sometimes be difficult to know what the right thing to do is, though, as there are many trying to persuade us, and many mistruths; we do not want to be tricked into doing wrong nor dissuaded from doing good.

While Shakespeare said: *"To thine own self be true"*, we are not alone in discerning the right path to take as we have the help of God, our fellow parishioners, and the church community to help give us clarity.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 45.1, 4-6

PSALM 96

THESSALONIANS 1.1-5AB

MATTHEW 22.15-21

## BAT-KOL JULY PROGRAM

You are invited to register for a study abroad, retreat program that will prayerfully read the Book of Leviticus while exploring Israel in the footsteps of Jesus. Hosted by Bat Kol and the Centre for Christian-Jewish Studies at the Ratisbonne Institute in Jerusalem, you would partake in a twenty-one day program examining the third book of the Torah in the sacred land of Israel. The Book of Leviticus offers insight into holiness- how Israel was to live as a holy nation. This unique study program takes place in the heart of the old city of Jerusalem consisting of classes, evening lectures from renowned Rabbis and Christian theologians, excursions to archeological sites and immersion into Jewish culture and religiosity.

Though this program can be taken for academic credit (accredited through The University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology and the Gregorian University in Rome), you are most welcome to audit the course- for a spiritually enriching, memorable experience of the Holy Land! For information regarding cost and to register, please email [news@batkol.info](mailto:news@batkol.info) or visit <http://batkol.info>

## FAITH IN FOCUS

**Faith in Focus** is a new group at St. Basil's which explores the ways in which our faith acts as a lens to the way we perceive and live life.

The group meets following the 10:30AM coffee hour at 12:00PM in Decker meeting room. The first session takes place **October 29, 2017**.

- **October 29 | Living the Faith:** Come support each other in deepening of faith. Explore and share the ways in which faith impacts your day to day life.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group, please contact Michael at (416) 926-7110 or [michael.pirri@utoronto.ca](mailto:michael.pirri@utoronto.ca)

## COME & SEE WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for men aged 17 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, November 3 at 7:00pm to Sunday, November 5, until 1:30pm. This weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Come to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call in your life. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic Priest.

Registration can be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at (416) 968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all of the parishioners who contributed and volunteered both with the liturgy and celebratory reception following Fr. Morgan's Installation Mass.

THANK YOU!

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Are you planning to have your child baptized at St. Basil's, or have you been recently asked to serve as a Godparent?

Please note that our parish's remaining baptismal preparation class take place on the following dates in 2017:

- October 28, 2017
- November 25, 2017

To register for a class or to get more information, please email [michael.pirri@utoronto.ca](mailto:michael.pirri@utoronto.ca)

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 \$ 6,943.25



OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> — 28<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am John Patrick King (+), Kathleen Angus (+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Michael Andrew Hoegh Pedersen (+)  
4:30pm Gaetano Lanni (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am David Myung and Family (liv.)  
12:10pm Myriam Scoppio (+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Huang Chiaoyun (+)

### THURSDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm

### FRIDAY

7:30am Jose Lamarca (+)  
12:10pm Jun Dumaplin (+)

### SATURDAY **Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

5:00pm Marian and Zofia Kupfer (+,+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Gerald Dunlevie, Erika Farncomb, Evelyn McGloin, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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