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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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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

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VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

For 161 years (1856-2017), 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

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| Pastor: | Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB |
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FRUIT OF THE VINE

by Michael Pirri

In last week's Gospel reading, we heard the parable of the man with two sons, both of whom get sent out to work in the vineyard. Again, in the first reading and psalm today, we hear about the vineyard. This marks the third week in a row where we speak about the vineyard, though surely not the *same* vineyard. It's important to note the use of real world imagery in these parables. Under the rule of the Roman Empire, it was not uncommon for wealthy landowners to mismanage their property. Christ's use of the vineyard shows a profound understanding and disapproval of the socioeconomic conditions of His time.

The first reading paints a pretty grim view of humanity: The Lord of hosts tended his field and "*planted it with choice vines [...] he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild*



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grapes. [...] he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!"

I particularly enjoy the duality in the parable which we can draw: on one hand we are the farmer, angry that our good deeds do not yield their just reward; and yet we are also the vineyard, never living up to the potential God gives us. How can we reconcile not living up to our potential? What good deeds have we done that we feel we ought to be thanked for? Psalm 80 acknowledges our shortcomings and gives us a way of recognizing this struggle *"Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."* (Psalm 80.19).

In the Gospel, we could once again take the role of the landowner with high expectations for the harvest in the vineyard and the willingness to do what it takes to bring that harvest to fruition. And yet we are greeted with lack of respect and abuse rather than gratitude.

Upon greater reflection, you may see that we're not the landowner at all — we're the unruly tenants! We tend to the land and vineyard, and when others come to claim what they believe to be theirs, we feel the need to defend the fruits of our labour. If we are the unruly tenants then, as in the first reading, the Lord is the landowner. So we denied prophet after prophet, until finally His son was sent to us, and we acted no better.

I think the best understanding of the readings today falls somewhere between the two interpretations. The focus, I believe, is to recognize that we are to give thanks for that which is given to us, and to claim each day as an opportunity to do better, realizing all of the things God gives to us.

SUNDAYS READINGS:

ISAIAH 5.1-7

PSALM 80

PHILIPPIANS 4.6-9

MATTHEW 21.33-43

MESSAGE FROM FR. MORGAN

During the **4:30pm Mass on Sunday, October 15**, I shall be installed as the pastor of St. Basil's. The formal installation ceremony will be performed by Bishop Kasun.

You are all invited to gather and mark this occasion with a reception following the installation Mass.

I ask for your continued prayers as I prepare for the installation and my ongoing ministry at St. Basil's that it might be in humble service. Be assured of my prayers for you as well.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Hurricanes Irma, Jose, Maria have destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and churches and left thousands of people without water, shelter or power. Places such as Anguilla, Antigua, The Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Florida, Puerto Rico, St. Martin, the Turks and Caicos Islands all suffered crippling damage. As well, on September 19, a massive earthquake hit Mexico City, causing 286 deaths – just two weeks after an earthquake leveled buildings and killed at least 90 people in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. The situation remains grave for the injured and displaced.

In an effort to support people in that region who have been impacted by these disasters, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Catholic relief channels. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto online portal at www.archtoronto.org.

Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency, Caritas Internationalis, are on the ground. Caritas Mexico teams are determining how the earthquakes have affected local populations. Catholic partners in other affected regions are also actively caring for the victims of these disasters and determining the long-term needs for recovery.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office (416) 934-3411

R.C.I.A. AT ST. BASIL'S

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (known as 'R.C.I.A') program begins on October 11, 2017. If you are interested in the program but have not yet registered, please contact Jessica, the Coordinator of the program, for more information at rcia@stbasiltoronto.org

Members of the **R.C.I.A. Team** who are interested in volunteering with the program, or in becoming sponsors for candidates, are asked to contact Jessica at rcia@stbasiltoronto.org

LONG WEEKEND

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 9th**, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Sunday, October 1, 2017 \$6,439.25



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 8TH — 14TH

SUNDAY 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Joseph and Thomas Boyle (+,+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm *Thanksgiving*
4:30pm

MONDAY

9:00am Maria Myung and Family (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Perla Arboleda (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Juan Carlos Casas (+)
12:10pm Sally Lianko (liv.)

THURSDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Mr. and Mrs. Sue-Tin-Len (+,+), Vera Darragh (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Helen and Frank Parker (+,+)
12:10pm Domingos and Guilhermina daSilva (+,+),
Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Leonor Macalino (+)

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, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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