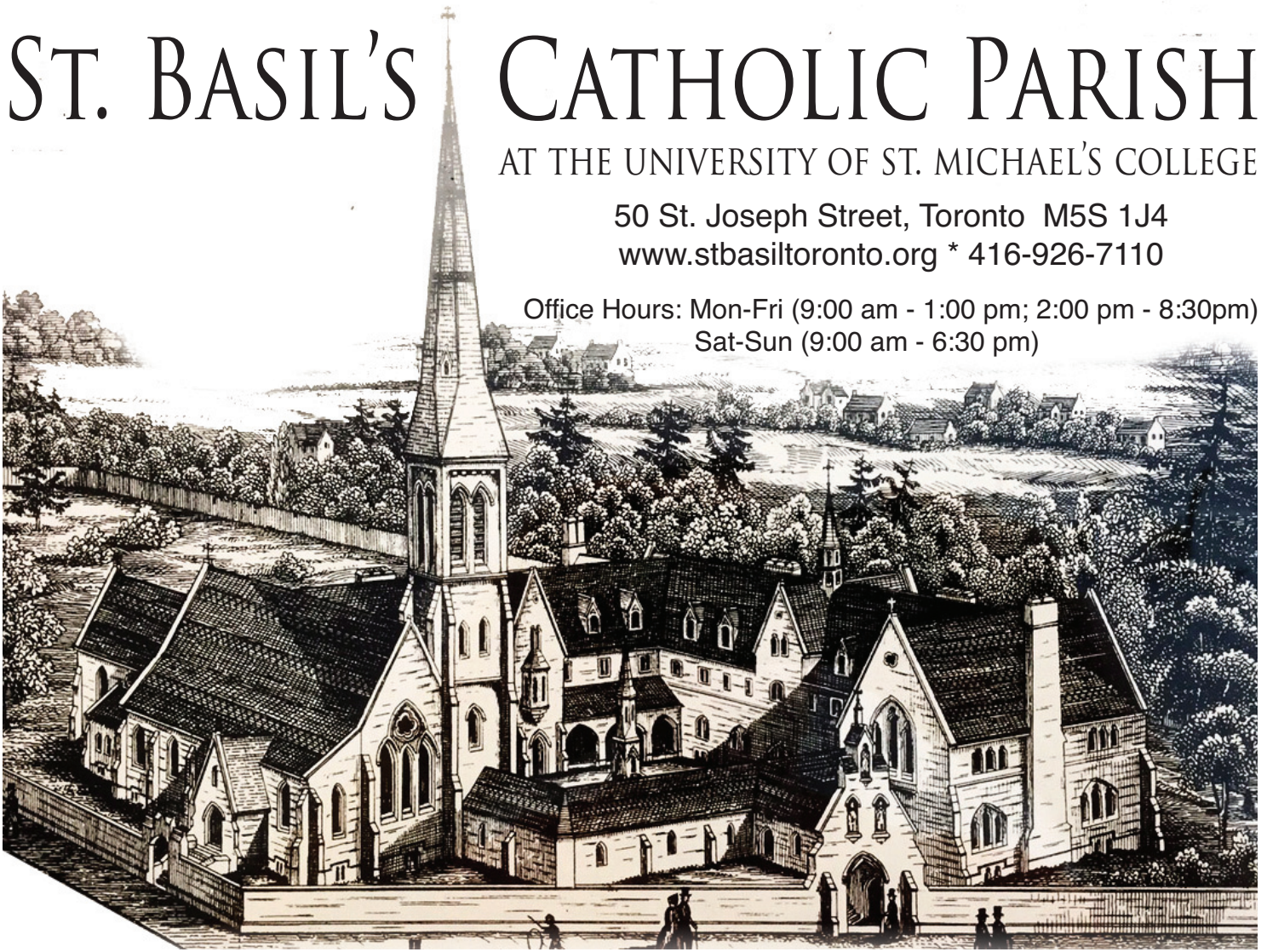


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Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

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Mothers are welcome to discreetly 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!

WHAT IS AT THE CENTRE?

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

On this twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary time we hear Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward. Upon being fired by his manager the steward returned to the individuals owing his manager money and lowered their debt. He did this to ensure his own protection and comfort now that he lacked income. Although he acted shrewdly he did come to realize something, that relationships are the most important thing we can have in life. As Jesus cautions, "You cannot serve God and mammon (money)."

If there is one thing that gets you thinking about money it is a major life change. In June when my boyfriend proposed I said yes with my whole heart. However, becoming engaged means a wedding, and a wedding involves a reception, and a reception involves quite a lot of money. And while a reception is not a bad thing I find myself struggling to keep the sacrament of marriage at the centre of the day. The actual purpose of the wedding day can be so overshadowed by planning that I find myself having to make a conscious effort to re-centre myself and focus on the love that the two of us share. The love that brings us closer to God.

Jesus tells his disciples, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones..." It is the small moments, the small trusts, and the small actions that demonstrate God's presence in this world and lead us into closer relationship with God and each other. We are all stewards of this earth and that involves nurturing our relationships with one another. The trust the steward earned back from lowering debts could give rise to trustworthiness in greater things should he decide to serve others and not money.

For myself and my fiancé, the intimate moment of vowing to honour each other all the days of our lives is worth far more than a reception. By spending the rest of our lives caring for one another and cherishing the small moments of our relationship we act as honest stewards. Our

loving relationship that exists in this busy, often untrustworthy, world is an example of God's love. And just like a small amount of trust can grow into a large amount of trust, I know our small simple wedding will give rise to a lifetime of beautiful small God-filled moments.

Sunday's Readings:

Amos 8.4-7

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 16.1-13

SERRA CLUB MEETING

Please join the Serra Club **directly after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, September 21** for lunch and an opportunity to **hear Sister Helena Burns, a dynamo from the Daughters of St Paul, talk about Vocations to her Order.**

The luncheon talk will take place at the Senior Common Room at St Michael's College, Brennan Hall, which can be accessed from the courtyard across from the entrance to the Parish Hall. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office so we can finalize numbers for the lunch.

USMC ANNUAL BOOK SALE

From Tuesday September 27th until Friday September 30th, a Giant Used Book Sale is being held at the Kelly Library, 113 St. Joseph Street, to raise funds for the Kelly Library at Saint Michael's College at the University of Toronto.

ENROLLING CHILDREN AGES 3-6

We are now actively taking registrations for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, which will begin October 2nd at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. If your child is aged 3-6 (or very close to this), we would love to have them in the program.

There is information on the website and space is limited. Please contact Fr. Chris at chris.valka@utoronto.ca for more information to register.

ST. BASIL'S READERS GROUP

Join us in reading **BEING GENEROUS: THE ART OF RIGHT LIVING** authored by John Dalla Costa and Lucinda Mary Vardey, parishioners of St. Basil's Parish. Hard copies will be sold after each mass Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18.

Book discussion will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 7:00-8:30 pm in room 006. Lots of sharing thoughts, ideas, and reflections.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served. For further information or questions, contact dorismarcon@rogers.com.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

LOWER LEVEL: Of the many things I have learned through these renovations, it is that St. Basil's is a VERY complicated building! Initially, we were delayed because we learned things from the building that told us we needed a different approach; then we were delayed because Ontario Heritage Trust wanted to review the plans (which took two months!) and then we were delayed because the City was trying to decide which kind of building we are and how codes would be applied. (To be fair, the architects struggled with this just as much!) We now finally have everything we need from the city to begin and have awarded most of the trade workers, so the new construction work will begin very shortly. It does mean that the space will continue to be unavailable throughout September. We hope to have some spaces available by mid-October.

CEILING FANS: About three weeks ago, we were set to install fans the week of August 22nd. In anticipation of that installation, the company took an extra precaution of hiring a structural engineer to ensure that we could fasten the fans according to their standards and without damaging the structure or façade of the ceiling. The result of our investigations has caused us to delay the project and take extra measures. As to the exact time of installation, I will keep you posted.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 11, 2016 \$6,202.95



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 18th - 24th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dr. F. Griffith Pearson (+) Pro Populo Ann Breslin (+) Vladimir & Galyna (+, liv.)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	John & Thomas Cox (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang Paul Cachia (+) J.H & L Bertrand, and Maria & David Myung and Family
Wednesday	Saint Matthew
7:30am- 12:10pm-	Vocations
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Jobie Altavano (+) & Isabel Flores-Garcia (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina John Dabrowski (+) Megan McLellan (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Francis D'Souza & Violet Bartholomeusz (+, +)

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, and Marina Kazakis.


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