

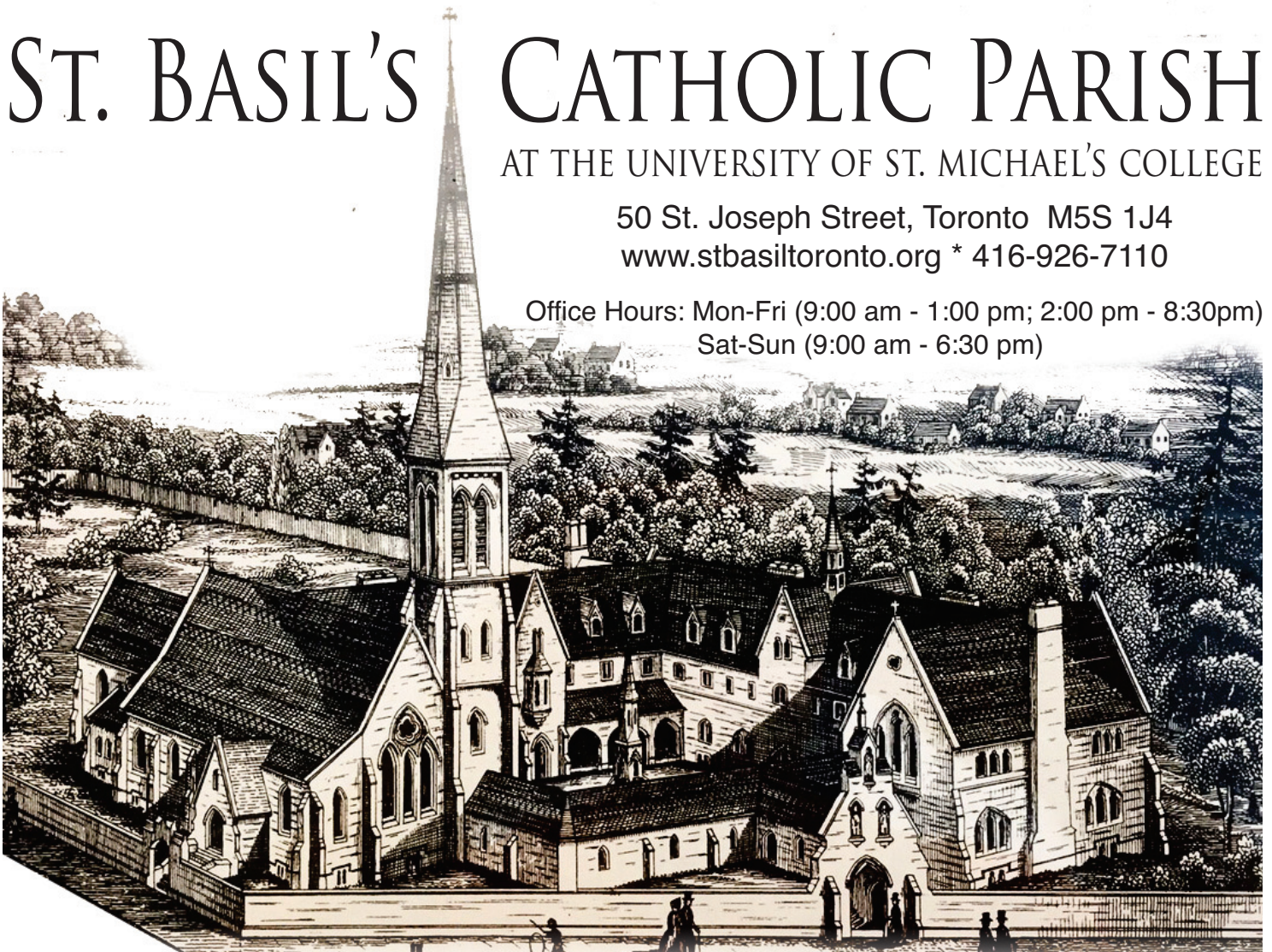
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5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
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For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to 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!

TOUGH LOVE

By Tina Sibbald

There is some thorny stuff in this week's readings. Actually there have been themes over the past several weeks, which when woven together have resulted, for me, in a season of intense self-examination and seeking God. There is much here to digest about how we choose to live our lives, and whether God is conspicuous therein.

On first reading, there are several directions one could journey to develop a bulletin reflection. I read, re-read, and prayed about these scriptures, and waited. The phrase "tough love" emerged.

Imagine that you have a toddler, blissfully oblivious to his mortality, who darts out onto a busy road. You react quickly and scoop him up out of harm's way. What's next? Well, I imagine he's about to be the recipient of your scolding once you catch your breath. Why? Because you love him.

Amos delves into judgment and punishment; Paul exhorts Timothy to flee from evil and pursue righteousness; Luke juxtaposes obscene luxury and abject poverty with a parable. The common denominator is that we have the free will to make choices, which will either please God or incur His wrath.

About a month ago, I went to see Father Chris. With a degree of childlike petulance, I wanted to know "why me?" as I shared my frustration and anger over some recurring health issues. I'm honestly not sure whether I expected a benign explanation of God's plan for my life followed by anointing with oil and a blessing, but what followed could only be described as tough love, because the reply was a blunt question which stopped me in my tracks, effectively derailing my pity party. I was forced to address that perhaps God was trying to get my attention because I had run carelessly into traffic, blissfully oblivious to my mortality. I was on the wrong track and I needed a re-direct. Throwing all of the above into a pot, and boiling it down to its essence, I have come to the profound realization that we often mistakenly juxtapose God's anger with God's love, when in fact He becomes angry because His love is unconditional and He is intervening to save us from ourselves. We need to be reminded about how much more fulfilling our lives become when God is at the centre of everything we do: for better or worse, in sickness or in health, whether rich or poor.

Tough love. Intervention. What a great idea for a reality TV series. Oh, wait. It's already been done. Welcome to my life, and quite likely yours too.

Sunday's Readings:

Amos 6.1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6.11-16

Luke 16.19-31

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

If you are suffering in mind or body, we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing after all Masses on Thanksgiving weekend (October 8/9).

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. Please contact Fr. Chris at chris.valka@utoronto.ca for more information to register.

Out of the Cold BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Those living on the streets or in shelters likely never get to celebrate their birthday or other important milestones. In keeping with St. Basil's 160th Birthday initiatives, Out of the Cold volunteers decided to acknowledge and celebrate our patrons' birthdays on the last Tuesday of every month with cake and decorations! The first birthday party will take place this Tuesday, September 27 during our regular meal service.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY

Our monthly food drive will take place next weekend (October 1/2) after every Mass. Although any donation of food or money is most welcome, we are especially in need of the following items:

- Juice boxes/cartons
- Assorted cookies and crackers
- Soft granola bars
- Mayo and mustard
- Canned ham and chicken
- Assorted fruit cups and applesauce containers

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In observance of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, there will be a special blessing for any pets present at the 12:00pm Mass on Sunday, October 2- you may even bring a photo of your pet!

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (known as 'R.C.I.A') is a very special and intensive program designed for adults over the age of eighteen seeking reception into the Roman Catholic Church or for baptized Catholics to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice. At St. Basil's our R.C.I.A program runs for nearly 30 weeks and explores a variety of topics dealing with the sacramental life and real-world discipleship. Our program draws in an exciting line-up of speakers from the Toronto School of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, and Basilian Fathers.

Now the first question most people ask (even if only in their mind) is can I really do this for 30 weeks?!?! Why is it so long? First of all, don't be intimidated! We don't expect you to be a theological expert and there sure won't be any tests at the end. Rather, this is a journey in which you have an opportunity to learn enough so that you know which questions are the right questions to ask (those would be the one that usually take a lifetime to answer). All journeys of the soul take a bit of time, and so we want to honour that. We also don't want you to feel stuck. Even if you are thinking about it, but not really sure if you want to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, we encourage you to investigate this longing. Just because you start, doesn't necessarily mean you have to "finish". Don't worry about where you end up because if you seek God in your life, where ever that takes you will be great!

The program begins again on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00pm in the church proper. Whether you are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and convert to Roman Catholicism, or you are already a long-time fully initiated Roman Catholic, come and discover the Catholic faith anew. All are most welcome!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 18, 2016 \$7,040.73



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 25th - OCTOBER 1st

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lilly C. Ignacio (+) Pro Populo Howard Shaughnessy (+) Igor Zhulyn (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Cosmos and Damian Ana Syjoco (+) Wilfred Goddard (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Vincent de Paul Felipe Macalino (+) Deceased members of the D'Cruz Family (+) Catherine Robertson (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Wenceslaus Olivia Vaz (liv.) Marcey O'Neill
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael Howard Shaughnessy (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Jerome John & Jenny Angus (+) Tita Lydia Tison (liv.)
Saturday 5:00pm-	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Lola, Lindsey & Joseph MacNeil (+, +, +)

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 Clare DeMello.


PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Marina Kanzakis.


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