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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

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St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. We are the collegiate church of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, as well as being the parish church to our parishioners who come to worship here from all over the city. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WHAT'S AT STAKE

By John Dalla Costa

A few short days ago – on September 25th – the United Nations made a truly prophetic pronouncement, with its second set of Millennial Development Goals, called “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” World leaders committed governments to 17 objectives, including: eliminating poverty, improving health and education, securing gender equality, taking aggressive action on climate change, protecting oceans, and stewarding resources on land, so as to make the dignity of opportunity available for future generations.

Anyone who examines the UN goals will encounter the exact same urgencies that Pope Francis raised in *Laudato Si*. What's different (yet complementary) is that while the UN lays out the rationale for the imperative to change, Francis also explains the moral and spiritual dimensions for why, and how.

Our three readings today speak to our responsibility to be attentive to prophetic voices, and to heed the truth, whether or not it is comfortable. Moses recognized that the Spirit “rests” where it will, and that we all have gifts for prophecy. In a truly revolutionary turn, Francis applies this principle in his methodology, basing the church's newest social teaching on the prophetic contributions from scientists, activists, and leaders of other faith traditions.

In today's letter, James makes the point that what most impedes our innate prophetic sensibility – our own courage to recognize a situation honestly, and transform ourselves - is the “fattened heart” obsessed with wealth. Quoting Patriarch Bartholomew (the current Archbishop of Constantinople), Francis enjoins us “to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, [and] wastefulness with a spirit of sharing.” Notice that these virtues, rooted in the Beatitudes, are nothing but the practical actions needed for balancing out-of-control emissions, consumption, and social inequality.

Jesus issues the harshest of his warnings about sin anywhere in the Gospels in the context of doing right by children. At the very heart of *Laudato Si*, Francis makes the transition from his analysis to moral teaching by also invoking our responsibility for children. “It is no longer enough,” he writes, “to simply state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity.” (160)

Today's Readings: Numbers 11.25-29, James 5.1-6, Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Based on Fr. Chris' Family Mass Homily, consider the following questions as a family:

What occupies our family or together time?
 What do we value together or as a family?
 What are our traditions?

Is the answer to these questions the same or different? Is there a family or together activity we have lost, but think we should reclaim?

Who are the people that nourish our spirits?
 How long has it been since we spoke with them about things that matter?

3 PRIESTS ON A BARSTOOL

Have you ever had a question you've always wanted to ask a priest? Now is your chance! We have a Basilian, a Jesuit, and a Dominican ready to chat over a beer in the Foxes Den on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00pm. Join us for a night of stories, humour, and a whole lotta priestly personality.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi- patron of animals- we will be offering a special blessing for our beloved pets and service animals during the 12:00pm Mass on Sunday, October 4.

FIRST FRIDAY- OCTOBER 2

There will be no adoration on the first Friday of October (October 2) after the 12:10pm Mass. This is due to set-up needing to be completed for the President's installation Mass and ceremony.

INSTALLATION OF USMC PRESIDENT

St. Basil's will host the installation of the University of St. Michael's College 7th President and Vice-Chancellor, Mr. David Mulroney. The installation ceremony begins with a Mass on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 2:00pm in the main church. Pray for our new President!

MICKENS LECTURE

Seasoned Vatican journalist ROBERT MICKENS will deliver a public talk entitled ***The Future of Pope Francis' Pontificate: What the Papal Visit to Cuba and the USA might tell us about the Synod on the Family.***

Co-sponsored by St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and The Dominican Institute of Toronto. Event takes place on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 3055 Bloor Street West. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required.

USMC CONFERENCE

The Global Village is a conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate, and will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 8:30am-4:30pm in Brennan Hall (81 St. Mary Street). For more information on cost, conference agenda or to register, please visit www.cjdt.org or email info.cjdt.org. The registration deadline is September 30, 2015.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 20, 2015 \$6,470.00

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend volunteers will be in the vestibule of the church collecting donated items and money for our First Sunday Food Drive. As we prepare our outreach programs for the Thanksgiving season, there is special need for the following items (although any contribution is welcome):

Granola bars, cookies, napkins, canned beans, tuna, chicken, ham, salmon and vegetables, coffee, tea, juice, pasta sauce, mayo, mustard, salad dressing, peanut butter, jam, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, dried fruit and spices/herbs, and brown lunch bags.

WHAT R.C.I.A MEANS TO ME

Another testimonial from a current R.C.I.A team member about his rewarding experience in the program:

"I was baptized Catholic but hadn't been Confirmed; I attended church on Christmas and Easter but didn't receive the Eucharist. As an adult I gradually realized I wanted to learn more about God, and when I moved close to St. Basil's I knew it would never be less inconvenient to attend church! I was advised that the RCIA would be the best next step, and it was. Both spiritually and intellectually, the RCIA prepared me for Easter Confirmation and Communion. My sponsor and spiritual advisors, and the whole team – and the other inquirers – were great.

I've been back every year since as a team member; I've been fortunate enough to sponsor others, and have given the occasional talk on subjects such as Lent. But while the main purpose is aiding the inquirers in their discernment, I benefit a great deal from the RCIA personally beyond helping others and being humbled by their faith and purpose. The RCIA aims to be accessible to all – some inquirers know very little about Christianity when they start. The speakers, and the follow-up questions and small group discussions, help me as well as the inquirers."

-David Fernandes

CHARPENTIER'S "TE DEUM"

Attend a concert of Charpentier's grand polyphonic motet on September 28 at 7:30pm in St. Basil's main church. Free admission, donations welcome.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 27th-OCTOBER 3rd

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christopher Desimone (+) Pro Populo Rusty Morin and family (liv. and +) Birthday of Santiago Santosh (liv.)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Annabelle and Sonny Tan (liv.) Veselko (Bill) Dodig (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Mila Miguel and Joseph Padilla (liv.) Carlos and Anselmo Munoz (+, +)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	St. Jerome Max and Deling Castro (liv.) Giuseppe Ereddia (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Jonathan Atieza & Olive Bariones (liv.) Nancy Djang (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Rev. Alexander Barna (+) Vocations
Saturday 5:00pm-	Ella Pereira (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Greg Rath, Luz Manalo, Phil Ferlito, and Joan Courtois.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially David DesLauriers, and Lambert Carrasco.



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