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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)

Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)



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.



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

St. Basil's Parish is 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!

#### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

Office Manager: Margaret D'Elia Sacramental Coordinator: Emily VanBerkum Leanna Cappiello Community Coordinator:

Director of Music: J.P. Farahat Rashaan Allwood Assistant Organist:

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

#### **LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR**

By Lisa Fernandes

We know about the ten commandments and strive to live by them. But there are two overarching commandments which incorporate and extend the ten commandments: When asked by a lawyer which commandment in the law is the greatest Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40).

How does this relate to the Gospel reading today, the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan? In this reading the Good Samaritan helps a stranger that others have passed by. He is loving his neighbour as himself.

It is deliberately ironic that a Samaritan is used as

an example of following the commandment to love your neighbour. Samaritans were a racially mixed group who did not abide by the same strictures of Judaism and thus were not looked upon favourably by Jews.

In this reading, someone outside of Christianity sets an example so, it is not necessarily what you believe but how you act that is important.

It can seem overwhelming to go to such lengths to help someone especially when you hear about Good Samaritans nowadays coming to someone's aid and getting injured. This might even cause you to think twice about helping others.

But everyone can in their own way be charitable. My mother was at a small local shop recently and tripped entering the store. She got up and dusted herself off. She was not hurt. But the storeowner's elderly mother, sitting at the counter, saw her fall, came over and gave her a hug. This simple gesture was an act of charity, of Christian love.

The parable reminds us that regardless of religion when someone "falls" perhaps we should give them a helping hand up.

Show empathy at work to someone having a bad day. Hold the door for someone with their arms full. In this Holy Year of Mercy, this seems more important than ever.

Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

#### **SUMMER BULLETIN SCHEDULE**

Please note that during the months of July and August, our bulletin will be published every other week.

We will resume weekly bulletin publications in September.

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

If you are considering enrolling in our baptismal preparation class for parents and Godparents, then please note that we *will not be hosting a class in the month of August*. We will however offer a class on Saturday, July 30 and Saturday, September 24. To register, please contact Emily: emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM HOURS

Are you certified in Level 1 or Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If so, we want you to be part of the St Basil's Catechist team when we begin our programs in early Fall!

When open, our weekly Atrium sessions will run as follows:

Sundays, 9:45-11:00am (children ages 3-6) & 11:15-12:30pm (First Communion Class)

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Leanna at leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

\*Please note, if you have a child who is at least seven years old and you would like to register them for our *First Communion preparation class*, please contact Emily at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.



#### **CARE FOR CREATION VATICAN WEBSITE**

In celebration of the first anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace launched a website dedicated to further exploration of the encyclical and the ways in which we can all put its teaching into practice.

You are encouraged to visit the site -- www.laudatosi.va.

#### R.C.I.A PREVIEW NIGHT

Join Fr. Chris and Emily as they welcome registered prospective Catechumens and Candidates for a welcome night highlighting what is to come for this season's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. All who may be interested in this program are welcome to join on **Wednesday**, **July 27 at 7:00pm** in room 006 (parish hall).

#### **REGIS COLLEGE SUMMER COURSE**

Regis College 'Teacher Formation Program' invites you to participate in a religious education additional qualification course, "500 Years: Luther to Vatican II and Beyond" in Germany and the Czech Republic. The course will run in July 2017 by Patricia O'Reilly and Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J. For more information, or to register, please visit www.regiscollege.ca/tfp.

Poetry is what you find

In the dirt in the corner.

Overheard on the bus,

God in the details,

The only way

to get from here to there.

Poetry (now my voice is rising)

is not all love, love, love,

And I'm sorry the dog died.

Poetry (here I hear myself the loudest)

Is the human voice,

And are we not of interest to each other?

~Elizabeth Alexander

#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 3, 2016 \$6,454.45



**Sunday** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- Patrick Daly (+) 10:30am- Pro Populo

12:00pm- Helen Maria Eustachiwna Andrusyszyn (+)

4:30pm- Katrina Teh (liv.)

**Monday** Saint Benedict

7:30am- Arcadia Deguia (+) 12:10pm- Jim & Catherine Cox (+)

Tuesday

7:30am- Erika Schweigerlehner (liv)

12:10pm- Gerald Carlins (+) & Katherine O'Brien (+)

Wednesday

7:30am- Pro Populo

12:10pm- Souls in Purgatory

Thursday Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30am- Helen Maria Eustachiwna Andrusyszyn (+) 12:10pm- Amy Wong (+) & Jacob Coutinho (+)

Friday Saint Bonaventure

7:30am- Pro Populo

12:10pm- Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

**Saturday** Our Lady of Mount Carmel

5:00pm- Rector Bolado (+)

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, Gerald Guest, Steve Paijie, and Bernice Casey.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

\*If you would like to have a name added to our prayers for the sick or deceased, please contact the parish office.

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