

## St. Basil Catholic Church

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**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!  
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

### ~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 6: 18-23  
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 5-13

**Saturday, June 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy with Panachida in remembrance of  
+Joseph Fedyszak  
by the Bentivegna Family

*Sanctuary Candle:*

*Health & Blessing of Mae Whitman by F. Wilson Family*

#### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Romans 10: 1-10  
GOSPEL Matthew 8: 28-9: 3

**Saturday, June 27, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**

For the Faithful of the Parish

*Sanctuary Candle:*

*Health & Blessing of the Parish Family*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

### ~ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ~

Please continue to remember in our prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, especially Frantisek Vavrak, Helena Huk, Mae Whitman, Danny Leckliter, Lillian Weir and George Stojkovic. Let us remember the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

### ~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

The healing of the centurion's servant is one of nine miracles described by Matthew following the Sermon on the Mount. These miracles show Jesus' power over sickness, evil and death, and his authority over the laws of nature. He is revealed as the Messiah of deed, just as his teachings show him as the Messiah of word.

The centurion's faith rested on his understanding of who Jesus was. He must have heard of him, possibly even watched him and listened to him, and he concluded that Jesus was a man with great authority. It cannot have been Jesus' station in life, his background, accent or wealth that struck the centurion. No, he was impressed with the personal greatness of Jesus, signified by the title "Lord" (Matthew 8:5). We can gain an insight into what it means to have faith from this centurion. He took steps based on what he knew about Jesus, approaching him humbly and expectantly. He had decided that Jesus had the will and the power to help him, and he was not disappointed.

The centurion's faith was pivotal: it astonished Jesus and opened the way for a miracle. Jesus said: "Let it be done for you according to your faith" (Matthew 8:13), indicating the importance of the man's faith. Faith draws down the power of God. The same is true for us today: If we have faith, we will see God work great things in our lives and in the lives of our families. We do not need great knowledge; we need only to act on what we do know about Jesus.

The centurion could not have known in his time what we now know, following Jesus' death and resurrection. But he had the courage to approach Jesus and ask for the help he needed. Faith grows in this way; each step taken bears fruit in greater knowledge of the Lord. The centurion had an even deeper knowledge of Jesus after the miracle! As we base our decisions on what we know about Jesus, we will experience him working. Test the goodness of God and we will find the words of the prophet fulfilled in our own lives: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases" (Isaiah 53:4).

"Lord Jesus, show us how to grow in faith in order to see your loving intervention in our lives, in our families, and in the church."

Rev. Martin Vavrak  
Administrator

### ~ PARISHIONER CORNER ~

A blessed and happy Father's Day to Fr. Martin, Fr. Deacon Michael, and James Powel.

*With love, Mae Whitman*