

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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

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

ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

## SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

St. Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845).

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.

Since October 2007, we have been the home of the National Televised Daily Mass, reaching people in their homes all over Canada. The Daily Mass is broadcast six days a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads, Television Network and Salt and Light TV.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Director of Music:	John Paul (J.P.) Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### LISTENING TO GOD

By Lucinda M. Vardey

The readings in the past few weeks have been about being open to the voice of God. Responding to God's will for each of us requires us to first know how to recognize God's voice. How do we discern God's voice over our own? How do we hear, and how do we trust?

Listening is a necessity in a life of prayer: silence helps melt a hardened heart and Adoration brings us into relationship.

In today's readings St. Paul exposes the common human habits of split loyalties, of the concerns of the world, of the desire to please others. To create "good order" in one's life requires a shift in daily priorities. Putting God first in everything, making prayer a priority (including moments of quiet) helps attain harmony and peace. Carving out regular time for what St. Paul calls "unhindered devotion" enables a deepening friendship with the Lord.

Readings: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; 1 Corinthians 7.32-35;  
Mark 1.21-28.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

St. Basil's Parish is in need of volunteers for our Out of the Cold program (which runs on Tuesdays from 10:00-1:00pm). This ministry is a social outreach program that offers a sit down and bagged lunch to the less fortunate of our community. Responsibilities of membership in this group include shopping for groceries, food preparation, food service, and clean-up. Volunteering may be done on a regular or occasional basis and no prior experience is required since training is provided! Please contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) for more details and to arrange for training.

**PIANO CONCERT:**

**\*FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**  
**(\*please note date change)**

SATURDAY: Piano and clarinet duo Adam Żukiewicz and Peter Stoll perform a varied programme including Schubert's *Arpeggione Sonata* (abbreviated transcription by Jack Brymer), Schumann's *Violin and Piano Sonata no. 1* (transcription by Stephen Korody-Kreutzer), as well as the recent work, *Follow me*, by Canadian composer John Beckwith.

Admission is free, donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's.

**MAT-PAT LEAVE GROUP**

All moms and dads on Maternity and Paternity leave are welcome to join us as we gather in the Parish Hall on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Warm, caffeinated beverages will be provided for the parents, and clean mats available for infants and toddlers. As always: BYOB, bring-your-own-baby!

**BAKE SALE**

On February 8th, after all the Sunday Masses, there will be a bake sale in the vestibule. Support the Community Capitol Fund by purchasing a Valentine's Day treat for a loved one!

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS**

Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize.

**WINE & BOARD GAMES**

Back by popular demand!!

Join us in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Friday, February 6th for some healthy competition and good company. Couples and singles welcome.

Bring your favourite board games....

Bring your own wine....

Bring your game-face.

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**BASIL'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin. Pick up your copy after each Mass this weekend!

The discussion will take place on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Your \$30 membership fee will include the cost of the book and snacks on the discussion evening. Get reading!

**ADMINISTRATIVE HELP WANTED**

The Basil's Staff is on the lookout for volunteers to help with administrative tasks on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings. If you'd like to become part of this Admin Team, contact the Community Coordinator, Leanna at [lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org) to get your name on the pastor's list.

**SERRA CLUB**

On Wed. Feb.4 the Serra Club of Toronto Downtown welcomes Dr. Michael O'Connor as guest speaker on the topic "Why We Sing At Church". Buffet lunch and presentation follow the 12:10 parish Mass for vocations on this day. Guests are invited. Serra is the Lay Vocation Arm of the Church, whose mission is to encourage and pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. New members are always welcome. For further information contact Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

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**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Level I: Foundations Course: Children Ages Birth - 6  
 This introductory course will explore the foundations of an approach to the religious education/formation of children in the Toronto Archdiocese known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

It will present the orientation to the key issues fundamental to this ministry with children in early childhood. It will also introduce the foundational Biblical and Liturgical themes, which we present to children along with some hands-on experience with selected catechetical materials hand made to nurture children's prayer.

This 90 hour course, held over ten months is especially designed for those who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children; in the home, parish and school setting. It is also a prerequisite for further adult formation courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Certificate Program, Levels II and III).

Part 1: March – October 2015

Mondays 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Mar. 23, 30 Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19

+ Two Saturday Sessions 9:30 am-3:30 pm: Apr. 18 and Oct. 24

Part 2: November 2015 – January 2016

Mondays 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, Jan. (2016) 11, 18, 25

+ Three Saturday Sessions 9:30 am-3:30 pm: Nov. 14, Dec. 5 and Jan. 23

At St. Basil's Parish,

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Fee: \$250.00

If you would like to register for the upcoming course or would like more information regarding the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and/or the Certificate Program, please contact Kathleen Ennis, 416-934-3400 ext. 511 or [kennis@archtoronto.org](mailto:kennis@archtoronto.org)

**SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, January 25, 2015

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**February 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 – Roy Julien +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Thomas & Margaret Cox ++
- 4:30 – Rev. Furlong, CSB +

**Monday – Presentation of the Lord**

- 7:30 – Janet Ritch +
- 12:10 – Kitty McNamee (liv.)
- 5:10 – Dolores Tubongbanua +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Janusz Majewski +
- 12:10 – Antonietta Ciavarella +
- 5:10 – Z.B. Kotecki +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Thalheimer family
- 12:10 – Vocations Mass
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday – St. Agatha**

- 7:30 – Mollie MacDonald +
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella ++
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday – St. Paul Miki and companions**

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory & dec. members of Foss family
- 12:10 – Vocations
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Keh Kim Kuan +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, and Hilary McCormack.**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Isadore Charow and Mark Thomson.**



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