

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

Preparing for an Eco-Lent
Rev. Chris Valka, CSB

If you have paid attention to the posters advertising Lenten activities this year at St. Basil's, you will notice a particular theme: the environment. It reflects a major theme of Pope Francis during his pontificate and the ever-growing urgency for humanity to be better stewards of creation.

I must admit that as I prepare for this Lent, I am intimidated by this topic. Though I have great concern for the Earth, and believe passionately that our care for creation has a profound impact on our spiritual lives; I am often at a loss at the seemingly overwhelming magnanimity of the current reality. I find myself wondering how my own practices and attitudes can really "save the planet"?

However, there is a quote I frequently recite that challenges my own doubt: "We cannot transform ourselves, but we can create the space for transformation to occur." Over the years, I have come to understand just how important environment is to the way we think, pray and live in community.

As a parish we have been investing in our

environment – not only is our church more beautiful, but thanks to LED lighting, we have a much smaller carbon footprint.

Our routines, the people around us, our sense of security – all have a profound impact on our own lifestyles, creativity and purpose.

It seems to me Lent is a wonderful time of year to show greater concern for our environment – not just how we care for the Earth; but also how we create our own space for transformation to occur. During this time of year, we begin to consider how our routines, friends and priorities care for our spiritual life?

Yet, we must do more than merely raise our awareness; we have to make changes – but I also know that such changes will not only come from my imagination. If we can create the right environment this Lenten Season, I believe the Holy Spirit will show us the way. Though it is a little scary, I look forward to what God will do in the spaces of our parish and homes.

Readings: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31 – 11.1; Mark 1.40-45

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th IS FAMILY DAY. There will be one Mass at 9:00 am. and no confessions. The parish office will be closed.

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 to get your name on the pastor's list.



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We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*
First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015

A THANK YOU POEM FROM A NEIGHBOUR IN NEED TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

“To all the people at St. Vincent de Paul,
I don't know how too Thank Y'all,
You allways there when I'm in need,
Y'all are blessed indeed, indeed,

And too the people who donate too your cause,
Every couple of month's their my Santa Clause,
So with this I want too say thank's
Your in my prayers and in my memory bank,

You must feel good about yourselves,
Helping too fill frigs and stocking shelves,
I want too wish you the best,
For this year and all of the rest,”

ASH WEDNESDAY IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 7:30 AM: Mass with Ashes
- 11:30 AM -12:00 PM: Confessions
- 12:10 PM: Mass with Ashes (in Upper Church)
- 12:30 PM: Overflow Mass with Ashes (Crypt Chapel)
- 5:10 PM: Mass with Ashes
- 7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

LENT AT ST. BASIL'S PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after the 5:10 p.m. Mass
Each week will feature a different meditation from our Tradition.

ADORATION

Every Thursday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

ORGAN CONCERT

February 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Assistant Organist Rashaan Allwood presents a programme of music by César Franck of the Romantic era, featuring works for piano-voice/violin, piano solo, and organ solo. Admission is free, donations will be Directed towards the music program of St. Basil's.

"BETWEEN HEAVEN & MIRTH" BOOK

DISCUSSION March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

March 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (excluding Mass hours). Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto at all parishes.

ECO-THEOLOGY PRESENTATION

March 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Dennis O'Hara will present an introduction and help us understand theological responses to the ecological crisis and will comment on Pope Francis' emphasis on environmentalism as it relates to care for the Earth and for one another.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT

March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
A choir and orchestra concert reflecting on the liturgical season of Lent. Music will include works by Handel and Allegri. Admission is free; donations are welcome to the USMC.

EARTH HOUR PRAYER SERVICE

March 28 at 8:30 p.m.
Join us for a special evening dedicated to the care of God's creation.

TENEBRAE & RECONCILIATION

April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Latin for shadows or darkness, the ancient service of Tenebrae anticipates the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. This evening features a condensed version of the service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses to usher in the beginning of the Triduum.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

We are all sinners. We are all called to a conversion of heart.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, February 8, 2015	\$4,772.70
Community Capital Campaign	\$2,265.60



February 15 – 21, 2015

Sunday

9:00 – Hazel LaRose +
10:30 – Pro Populo
12:00 – Marjorie Chan (liv.)
4:30 – Fay Brown +

Monday

9:00 –

Tuesday

7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+ +
5:10 – Paul Darragh +

Ash Wednesday

7:30 – Adelaida Fiel +
12:10 – Vocations Mass
5:10 – Frank and Mike Gregoire +,+

Thursday

7:30 –
12:10 – James Robert Crilly +
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

7:30 – Odessa Galicia (liv.)
12:10 – William May +
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

5:00 – Bill Montemurro +

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 Lois Bernard.



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