

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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## 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 Capiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### WHY FAST?

Leanna Capiello

Why do we fast, pray and give during Lent? It is not so much about what we are fasting from, but why we are fasting in the first place.

1. To imitate Jesus.

We look to Jesus for radical living. Stories told of him are anything but lukewarm accounts of a man "just trying to live a normal life"; they are striking stories of his daring pursuit for justice, humility, mercy and truthfulness. During this season of Lent, we aim to imitate Jesus' trial and temperance in his days in the desert. Practically speaking, He withheld from temptation in the flesh and grew closer to the Father in spirit. This is a very human side of Jesus. We do the same in remembrance of His sacrifice.

2. To journey together as a community.

Lent is a preparation period before the triumphant celebration of Easter. But in order to bear new life, there must first be a death. Thus is the nature of creation! It is easy to slip into Lent a lonely, troublesome time (especially now that we are in the icy grasp of winter), but this is why we come to Mass evermore joyfully:

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

to be together, knowing everyone else is observing in solidarity. "Peace be with you" becomes so much more rich during Lent.

3. To respond to a gift.

The second reading in 1 Peter states, "He was put to death in the flesh but alive in the Spirit." The gift of closeness, holiness, affection with God is a gift that God wants us to have! Make no mistake - He does not need our sacrifice, we need it for ourselves. Lent is a time for us to deny ourselves an earthly luxury so that the spiritual needs may arise in its place. These forty days and forty nights are for us to see the benefits of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in razor-sharp focus.

So why do we clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and welcome the stranger?  
As Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta put it, "You did it for me."

*Readings: Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15*

### **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!

### **ShareLife**

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"Help one another. this is what Jesus teaches. this is what i do. and i do it with my heart...i love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. and thus in helping each other we will do good for each other." —*Pope Francis*  
this reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season.

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015**

## **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.

**AN EXAMINATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE:**

Have I prayed today in gratitude for the gifts I've received from the Earth?

Was I attentive to God's abundance and the handiwork of others in all the things I used today?

Have my purchases considered the safety and dignity of the sisters and brothers around the world who by their labour contributed to what I buy, eat, use and consume?

Have I paused in prayer before making purchases to distinguish between what I need and what I desire: between that which I choose and appreciate, versus that which marketers or others deem without knowing me to be what makes me happy?

Have I learned a bit more today about how to make a difference in my own small ways to protect and preserve our fragile natural home?

Did I use my influence today as a consumer, student, manager, worker, teacher, professional, or citizen to change the policies and practices that take our natural bounty for granted? That mitigate carbon emissions? That preserve natural diversity in forests and oceans? That treat all God's creatures with compassion?

Did I demand or get assurance that the products or services I used today did not involve human rights abuses, or illegal trade in endangered species?

Have I found ways to share what I no longer need, or engage with local community groups in developing an economy of sharing?

Have I kept my heart and mind open so as to not be overwhelmed by the complexity and difficulty involved in living within our natural limits?

Have I embodied the hope of Jesus' redemption, which healed all creation, and by baptism commissions each one of us to continue this healing?

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS**

During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.



**February 22 – 28, 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 9:00 – John McGloin +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Paolo Scoppio + and family
- 4:30 – Fay Brown +

**Monday**

- 7:30 – Elena Turner (liv.)
- 12:10 –
- 5:10 – Eddy Valoroso +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Louise Prassas (liv.)
- 12:10 – Winnie Cox +
- 5:10 – Lourdes Santos +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Andrew McCarthy +
- 12:10 – Lori Longlade +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Barb Fraser +
- 12:10 – Teresa Zbiciak Wojcik +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**

- 7:30 – Peggy Dolan +
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Dick Davidson +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, 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 Norman Fitzpatrick, CSB.**

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