

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: Nancy Sicsic
Office Manager: Mary Hopper
Social & Community Coordinator: Leanna Capiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trinity as Community
Leanna Capiello

Understanding the Trinity can be tricky. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are "one God in three persons." They are distinct beings yet share the same essence as God. How can this be? It is a divine mystery, after all. It is not that we cannot understand it; rather it is infinitely understandable. And it begins with reaching out to each other.

In the second reading of 2 Corinthians -- and at the beginning of every Mass -- we are greeted with the words, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." Not only are we hearing about the Trinity: Jesus, God, and Spirit, but we are also reminded of what they are made of: grace, love, communion. These words resonate with us weekly. They challenge us to live like the Trinity, in community with each other. Community is not passively coexisting, but actively engaging. We show this by responding, "And with your Spirit."

We may lose sight that the reason we come to Mass is to celebrate together. It is certainly legitimate to pray and worship alone, but

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

coming to Mass means a dynamic, communal experience. We come together to be in each other's company.

The Church is a living, breathing organism, and we all make up a small speck of the larger picture. Each of us is essential for the Church's universality, diversity, and glory.

Each of our neighbors are our brothers and sisters: the ones we sit next to in the pews, the strangers we meet on the street, the customers at work, the ones who serve us our food, the people who clean our city, even the ones who run our city. They have a spark of the divine in them, just as you do: we each reveal to us a different face of Christ. Just as God is infinitely understandable, so are the people around us. We get to know each other through the mundane and extraordinary encounters we have daily, whether we know these people intimately, or they are a stranger to us.

The more we engage in community, the more we draw closer to understanding God as Father, Christ as Son, and the Spirit as the love between them.

Today's readings: Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, John 3.16-18

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 8th \$5,413.68

ATTENTION ALL HISTORIANS!

St. Basil's Parish has a rich architectural history and we want to share this history with parishioners and our wider community! If you have a special interest in our parish's history, archives, or architecture, then we need your help and creativity to design a script for a potential guided tour of St. Basil's. For some resources to get you started, please contact

liturgy@stbasilontario.org for more information.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

May we never talk about others behind their backs, but speak to them openly about what we think.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

A performance group is forming at St Basil's! Join Leanna Cappiello and Kristen Sehn as they gather to rehearse scenes, sing melodies, and choreograph dances to prepare for a short Mixed Art Show at the end of the summer. All artists and parishioners are encouraged to join in. No experience required, just bring your creative energy.

We will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm in the Parish Hall.

SENIORS GENTLE FITNESS GROUP

This summer in our parish hall there will be a Seniors Gentle Fitness group meeting. The drop in class will take place on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. starting June 16th and continuing until the end of August (no class August 4th). Drop in fee is \$7.00 per class. Please wear proper shoes and comfortable, loose clothing.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE



Summer will soon be here. We hope that you enjoy your summer. Many parishioners will be taking well-deserved vacations and will not be in the area for weeks, perhaps even months, at a time. Please remember that St. Basil's

depends on your voluntary donations, to meet all of its basic financial obligations. Unfortunately, there is no vacation from bills. If you are going to be out of town, please try your best to leave or send St. Basil's your donations, or consider using P.A.G. (Pre-Authorized Giving). P.A.G. allows you to support St. Basil's when you are away and provides us with a regular, dependable flow of contributions, especially over the summer holiday period. If you would like to know more about P.A.G., or would like to sign up for it now, you can pick up a copy of the P.A.G. leaflet from the back of the church or from the Parish Office, or you can download a copy directly from our website www.stbasilontario.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

This week marks our second last Wednesday night discussion and will explore the person of Jesus Christ and his famous remark to his disciples, "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" Come share your most beloved stories of Jesus during our interactive workshop in which we will deepen our appreciation for Christology and begin to tell our own story of faith. See you on Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the parish hall!

CATHOLIC VOLCABULARY AND CONCEPTS

On one of our recent Wednesday nights we gathered to take a look at Catholic words and concepts that parishioners have heard many times but do not necessarily understand. Below are examples of words we reviewed. For a comprehensive list check out our website!

Anamnesis: The remembrance of God's saving deeds in history in the liturgical action of the Church, which inspires thanksgiving and praise. Every Eucharistic Prayer contains an anamnesis or memorial in which the Church calls to mind the Passion, Resurrection, and glorious return of Christ Jesus.

Ascension: The taking up of Jesus into Heaven forty days after the resurrection and witnessed by the Apostles. Ascension Thursday is celebrated forty days after Easter.

Assumption: The taking up of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, into Heaven. Celebrated on August 15.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH HIS EMINENCE, THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS

June 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power Street)

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins and the Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the Archdiocese of Toronto in participating in solemn Eucharistic Adoration. A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and His Eminence will provide a brief reflection. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be made available for the duration. A social for the young adults of the Archdiocese will follow at St. Paul's Basilica parish hall from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676 or youth@ocytoronto.org.

Retrouvaille Toronto:

Help for Troubled Marriages

Upcoming weekend - September 19, 20, 21

A live-in weekend followed by six post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further information, call 416-281-6007 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

June 15th – 21st

Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity

- 9:00 – Luisa, Amalia and Amata Corte +,+,+
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Luigi Ciavarella +
- 4:30 – Matos and Martins Families

Monday

- 7:30 – Remedios Balatbat +
- 12:10 – Stefan and Anna Papez +,+
- 5:10 – Rafael Abad +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Pope Francis
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+,+
- 5:10 – Fr. Mailloux, CSB +

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Evelyn William +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Special Intentions of the Donor
- 12:10 – Barbara and Robert Mackalski (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Joe Fusco +
- 12:10 – Douglas Rocha +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 5:00 – Honesto G. Nicandro +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, Janet Ritch, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Helena Andruszszyn, Tessa Gayapersad, Hsieh Tang Pan Wong and Patrick MacMahon Maingot.

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