

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### OURS TO BE: THE BODY OF CHRIST

John Dalla Costa

What do we mean when we exclaim "Amen" to the invitation to receive "The Body of Christ?" The dictionary defines Amen as "ratification;" or "so be it" in the Greek; and "verily" or "truly" in English. But what do we mean spiritually and theologically?

For Thomas Aquinas, the Eucharist is at once a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice, a participation through "flesh and divinity" in the saving power of His resurrection, and a "foreshadowing of fruition" by which we also receive the grace to answer God's call in our lives.

Echoing today's Gospel, St Catherine of Siena experienced: "a deep sea in which the more I seek the more I find, and the more I find, the more I seek to know... You fill us insatiably, because the soul, before the abyss which You are, is always famished; and hungering for You, O eternal Trinity, it desires to behold truth in Your light."

In a sermon, St. Bonaventure taught that this sacrament "instills the strength to operate" and "raises one to contemplation" so that by

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

"the body of Christ" the person "is able to bear the tiring and incessant growth in spiritual life."

When asked about why she started up soup lines to feed the poor in the 1930s, Dorothy Day responded that: "Our Lord left himself to us as food: bread and wine. The disciples at Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread and so it's far easier to see Christ in your brother when you are sitting down and sharing soup with him."

Ever the theologian and mystic, Pope Benedict XVI explains that: "The Lord gives himself to us in bodily form. That is why we must likewise respond to him bodily. That means above all that the Eucharist must reach out beyond the limits of the church itself in manifold forms of service to men and women and to the world."

"The Body of Christ," indeed! How will we, this week, define our "Amen?"

*Today's readings: Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16, 1 Corinthians 10.16-17, John 6.51-59*

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,163.72
Restoration Fund	\$2,023.75

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing until the end of August (no class August 4<sup>th</sup>). Drop in fee is \$7.00 per class. Please wear proper shoes and comfortable, loose clothing.

### 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@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) for more information.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our last Wednesday night discussion will be held this Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. We will find creative ways to tell our own stories of faith as we're guided by Fr. Chris who will share his personal journey to the priesthood - which will include a few funny stories and a picture slideshow! By popular demand, there is potential that we will resume our meetings in September on a different evening.

### **CATHOLIC REGISTER**

We are once again sending a list of names and addresses to the Archdiocese of anyone wishing to receive the Catholic Register paper free for one year. Please leave your name with the parish office this week if you wish to start with home delivery of this newspaper.

### **QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:**

Sometimes we cast the elderly aside, but they are a precious treasure: to cast them aside is an injustice and an irreparable loss.

### **WHAT DOES JESUS DO IN THE EUCHARIST?"**

Answer provided by Carlo Carretto in "Letters from the Desert"

"In the Eucharist, Jesus is not immobilized in one leg only, but both, and in his hands as well. He is reduced to a little piece of white bread. The world needs him so much and yet he doesn't speak or move. The Eucharist is the silence of God, the weakness of God. To reduce himself to bread while the world is so noisy, agitated and confused. It takes strong faith to understand the impotence and defeat which we must have."

**ONE OF OUR SAGE STORIES.....**

Submitted by Cathy Hurst

There are a few stories I know about St. Basil's Church.

My mother, Agnes Flynn and Mrs. Field were both awarded the Bene Merenti Medal from Pope Pius XII. Mrs. Field was the long time sacristan every day at St Basil's who looked after not only the altar linens, but the vestments and flowers as well. A very outstanding achievement!

My mother, along with Mother McCabe and Father Diemer (Pastor at that time) started a devotion, called "Priest's Day." It was held every 1st Thursday of the month and was followed by a Mass said for vocations to the priesthood. Mother McCabe was superior of the Cenacle sisters, an American based order in North Toronto. My mother would phone numerous families with connections to a priest to get a good attendance. Also, she phoned and sometimes had to cajole priests to give the homily. She corresponded with many priests about the Priest Day and was instrumental in getting it started in several other cities in many parts of the world. Papua New Guinea is one I recall. A famous organist and choir director was Cesar Borre. He composed many beautiful organ pieces. The seminarians sang in his choirs. Tenebrae was a particular beautiful ceremony. In later years 1960 onwards, my husband and I sang in a lay Schola choir with various organists.

The McDonough family was very prominent in St. Basil's. With 11 or 12 children, I remember that Mr. McDonough had made his wealth in gold mining. Mrs. McDonough was a very kind and generous woman who helped many parishioners in need. Our family benefitted from her generosity after my father's death. Hers was a kindness that I've never forgotten. Margaret McDonough, the eldest of the McDonough children, was part of the committee who designed the wood awning type structure over the altar.

**Hike and Prayer: Edwards Gardens**

**Saturday, July 5, 2014** — 10:30 a.m.

Meeting at the south west corner of Leslie St and Lawrence Ave East (under the Edwards Gardens sign)

Faith Connections invites all young adults 18-39 to join us for a Hike and Prayer followed by a picnic at **Edwards Gardens**. Please bring water, a picnic lunch, sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate gear (rain or shine). RSVP Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645 or [www.faithconnections.ca](http://www.faithconnections.ca) — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.



**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

- 9:00 – Emilio and Licia Cipriani ++
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Paul Darragh +

**Monday**

- 7:30 – Fr. Thomas Mailloux, CSB +
- 12:10 – Mary McNamee (liv.)
- 5:10 – Maria Angela and Alberto Puy ++

**Tuesday – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

- 7:30 – Dr. Steve Sheldon (liv.)
- 12:10 – Anthony DiFonz +
- 5:10 – Christian, Harvey & Anastasia Oehlert (liv.)

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Thalheimer Family
- 12:10 – Mario Santos-Cuyugan, Emmanuel Asecnio, Jr. ++
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Maria Colantoni (liv.)
- 12:10 – James Havey & Eleanor McBride ++
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- 7:30 – Maura Harris +
- 12:10 – John Palma +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass


**Saturday – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary/ St. Irenaeus**

- 5:00 – Mary Davis +

**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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