

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

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
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Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Michael Pirri
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SENDING FORTH

By Fr. Chris Valka, C.S.B

As the father has sent me, so I send you.

As I was sent, so you are sent. As a result of what you have learned, of the relationship that you have known, you are to go out and share your experience of God.

I do not think there is a single person in this church who is not aware of the overlapping messages presented to us this Pentecost, for we are aware of what this commissioning means for us a global, universal church as well as what it means for us as a parish. This is a season of new life, but we do not experience new without the loss of something old.

Over the past four years, we have had a remarkable experience of church – this is as true for me as it is for each of you. The temptation is, for us, just as it was for the disciples: feeling that they could not recreate it, the disciples wanted to return to what they knew before. It was easier for them to go back to their old lives; to be satisfied with what existed before they met Jesus. And they tried – they just couldn't do that.

How can you be satisfied with once was when you have lived for what is possible? How can you ever be content with Option A or Option B when you know that life is not a choice to be made but a possibility to be lived into. Choices always mask limitations and always contain the acceptance of problems. On one level, this is to accept the world we live in and take it as it is – which is so very necessary. However, this isn't why we are sent.

We are sent because we have seen and heard a God who is not satisfied with simply solving problems. We have seen and heard a God who nurtures our potential and knows the desires of our souls. It is that desire that defines us and it is that desire that we are to call forth from each other.

As I end my time with you as your Pastor, my hope is that you continue to do this for each other.

My prayer is that you never be satisfied of what we make in this life, so that you may take on more than you can handle, so that you are driven to God for strength. Change is never easy, but so long as we live with gratitude, the changes that come are understood in a wider context – a part of something much bigger than ourselves or even this one parish.

May God continue to bless us all with courage and creativity. Thank you for all you have taught me and for all that you have done with me . . . it has been an honour and a blessing.

Sunday's Readings:
Acts 2:1-11
Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmandi, Xavier, Matteo, and Cristina who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! May the Holy Spirit guide you, guard you, inspire you, and fill you with the love and joy of Jesus Christ! The prayers and support of our parish community are with you always.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
 And kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
 And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
 you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
 In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right
 and always rejoice in your consolation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

GENTLE FITNESS

Gentle Fitness classes resume this week! Join instructor, Karen, in Ardeche Hall every Wednesday beginning May 31 at 10:00am. No pre-registration required; simply arrive in comfortable clothing with \$7 as payment and you are all set to exercise!

**ORGAN BENEDICTION AND CONCERT
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30PM**

After months of extensive restoration, the organ of Saint Basil's is unveiled in the Rite for the Benediction of an Organ. Join Frs. Chris and Morgan as they bless the newly-restored instrument.

The short Benediction service will be followed by a brief intermission. The second half of our evening will include a concert of music celebrating the French heritage of the Basilian Fathers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: AN UPDATE

Do you wonder how donated money is spent? Jay Nicholson, St. Vincent de Paul's Treasurer, wishes to inform you that this ministry has virtually no overhead! Of the \$69,223 disbursed by the St Basil's Conference of St Vincent de Paul in 2016, 98.5% went directly to our Neighbours-in-need in the form of food vouchers, clothing vouchers, Christmas baskets, and other assistance through 1373 personal at home visits by 17 volunteer parishioners, who go out 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

The remaining funds were for voucher printing, donor tax receipt postage and mandatory volunteer police background checks. We are an all donation, all volunteer charity outreach arm of your parish at work in your community. Thank you SO MUCH for your support and generosity!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Please note that we will take a short break during the summer months from our regular baptismal preparation classes. The next class is scheduled to run on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Details of the class, as well as the revised baptismal preparation schedule are available online. To register, please contact the parish office.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, May 28, 2017 \$7,180.65



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 4th - 10th

Sunday

9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-
4:30pm-

Pentecost Sunday

Donato & Eliza Corte (+)
Pro Populo
Frank & Mike Gregoire (+)
Anton & Hermina Sertic (+)

Monday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Saint Boniface

Luz De Guia (+)
Stefan & Anna Papez (+)

Tuesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-
6:30pm-

Eileen Devlin, Alice & Michael Rowe (+,+,+)
Former Pastors of St. Basil's Parish

Wednesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

The Thalheiner Family
Anne Gregoire (+)

Thursday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Cliff Kincaid (+)
Kyle Arnold (+), Michael & Faith (liv.)

Friday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

Saturday

5:00pm-

Rosalinda Tablante (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Jack Gervais, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Loreto Manalo.

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