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 day a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads, Television Network and Salt and Light TV.

PARISH STAFF

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CONFESSIONS

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

"Lazarus, come out!" **Emily VanBerkum**

The setting of today's Gospel is a stone tomb and inside the tomb rests a man named Lazarus. Once word reaches Jesus, he risks the trip to Judea to comfort Lazarus' grieving sisters and perform a miracle by "awakening" Lazarus so that "all may believe."

Mary and Martha lead Jesus to Lazarus' tomb and Jesus "began to weep." Jesus too morns the death of a close disciple and uses his authority as the "resurrection and the life" to reveal the grace and glory of God, the Father. With a steady calm and gentleness, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead with a simple command: "Lazarus, come out!"

Jesus did not raise Lazarus from the dead for the sole purpose that others may believe in his divinity. Rather, this setting of the tomb and Christ confronting death foreshadows Christ's Easter miracle in which we see most profoundly that out of death springs new life.

However, to me, the phrase "Lazarus, come out!" is also significant. We are mere weeks away from a very sacred time in our liturgical calendar. As we read today's Gospel and allow

our minds to imagine a vacant stone tomb, let's think about how we are preparing for Christ's resurrection. Will we "come out" of our own hurt, frustrations, regrets, and egos? What are we preparing to "come *into*?" As we prepare to die with Christ, let us also ready our hearts to rise with him to new life. What does this new life in Christ entail? I suggest that we "come into" a new way of thinking about eternal life with Christ- an intimate way of establishing a relationship with Jesus in which we learn more about ourselves and our deep spiritual yearnings.

Readings; Ezekiel 37.12-14, Romans 8.8-11,

John 11.1-45

CHECK OUT OUR NEW VIDEO!

St. Basil's has a new promotional video. We encourage you to check it out on our website under the "About Us" section or on YouTube until the title "St. Basil's Catholic Parish: Goodness, Discipline & Knowledge".

IN THE SACRED FIRE

There will be a basket in the back of the church next weekend for your old prayer cards, intentions or other paper religious items. All items collected will serve as kindling for the sacred fire used during the Easter Vigil.

TAIZÉ POR LA TIERRA: EARTH HOUR PRAYER SERVICE

March 28: 8:30 -9:30 PM

Join the Jesuits, Basilians and St. Basil's Parish as Holy Week begins,

"For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." (Romans 8:19)

Earth Hour is a united, worldwide conversation of energy. The hour of "lights out" for the Eastern Time Zone will be 8:30pm-9:30pm.

The candlelight prayer service will be in St. Basil's Church which will be filled with song and beauty in prayer. You won't want to miss it!

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments.

TENEBRAE RECONCILIATION SERVICE

April 1: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Latin for "shadows" or "darkness", the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated on the early mornings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This evening will feature a condensed version of the service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher in the beginning of the Triduum. Confessions will be offered during the service for those interested.

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

April 3: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Every year, Communion and Liberation journey with the cross on Good Friday from the Newman Centre to St. Basil's. It is a great way to reflect on the Lord's passion on this holy day.

ANNUAL CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS LECTURE, ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

Sr. Rose Pacatte FSP, "Confessions of a Media Nun," 7:30pm Wednesday, April 8, 2015 Muzzo Family Alumni Hall, Room 400 121 St Joseph St. Toronto

For further information, contact Monica Phonsavatdy, 416-926-7256

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IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 7:30PM:

ET RESURREXIT.

The University of Toronto's Oratorio Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards, in concert. The ensemble features singers enrolled in the final year of the Bachelor in Voice Performance program as well as the Advanced Certificate and Master in Voice Performance divisions. The concert will feature Handel's magnanimous work, La Resurrezione, as well as a sampling of additional Resurrection-inspired music by Handel's contemporaries. Come and enjoy the opportunity to experience this emotionally driven work in celebration of Easter. Admission is free, donations welcome to Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

AND GOD SAID NO

I asked God to take away my pride, And God said "NO". He said it was not for him to take away But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my Handicapped child whole, And God said "NO" He said her spirit is whole Her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, And God said "NO". He said that patience is a byproduct of tribulation, It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, And God said "NO". He said He gives blessings, Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, And God said "NO". He said, "Suffering draws you apart From worldly cares and brings you closer to me".

I asked God to make my spirit grow And God said "NO". He said I must grow on my own, But he will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked GOD to help me love others As much as He loves me, And GOD said, "Ah, finally you have the idea." **SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, March 15, 2015

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March 22nd – 28th

Sunday

9:00 – Matos and Martins families

10:30 – Pro Populo

12:00 – Anna and Enrico +,+ 4:30 – Carlos Lugo Aguilar +

Monday

7:30 – Cherilyn Brown + 12:10 – Connie Neubert +

5:10 – Sr. Brenda Duncombe +

Tuesday

7:30 – Cherilyn Brown + 12:10 – Fr. Tom Mohan, CSB +

5:10 – Dr. & Mrs. Fitzhenry +,+

Wednesday – The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 – Cherilyn Brown + 12:10 – John Angus +

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

7:30 – Cherilyn Brown +

12:10 – Alois and Marta Dolezel +,+

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

7:30 – James Martin + 12:10 – In Thanksgiving

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

5:00 – Grazia and Antonia +.+

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Amilia Petohleb, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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