

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:	Rashaan Allwood
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTIZED IN THE TRINITY

By Emily VanBerkum

Lately, I have been reflecting on my participation in our parish's baptismal preparation program and what a great joy it is for me to meet parents that desire baptism for their children. Our program has changed a little in the past few months, so that it focuses on a spirit of discipleship that is rooted in the most Holy Trinity: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit..."

At St Basil's, our baptismal classes are held on the last Saturday of every month. With at least three families present, myself and another catechist explain that all Christians are baptized in the name of the Trinity. To become consecrated to God and empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are anointed with oil as a recollection of how Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King. This means that in baptism, we take on a threefold priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission.

Ordained priests fulfill many roles. They teach, preach, counsel, and significantly, they offer the sacrifice of the Mass on behalf of the

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community. Yet, Jesus himself did not wear a roman collar as we know it today. He welcomed the lame, poor, and downtrodden into his inner circle of disciples. He sacrificed his time, energy, and ultimately life, in an outpouring of compassion and love. Although it may not be our vocation to join religious life, we too are called to follow Christ's model as the perfect sacrifice, and make sacrifices in our own lives. Sometimes we make joyful sacrifices for family, friends, spouses, partners, or our children, and other times these sacrifices are more difficult.

In fulfillment of our prophetic mission, we are meant to be counter-cultural. A prophet serves as God's mouthpiece by calling people to conversion. How are we called to conversion and renewal in our lives? How does this conversion deepen our relationship with Christ? How do we acknowledge the presence of the Trinity at work in our world today?

As for our kingly role, we are called to serve others. Often times, we refer to Christ as a King. But instead of a gold, bejeweled crown, Christ wore a crown of thorns. Christ the great Messiah was born in a humble stable because his Kingdom was not of this world. So too are we asked to humble ourselves before God and model Christ's service to those most in need. How do we serve people in our families, workplaces, schools, and parish community?

Therefore, by virtue of our baptism as Priest, Prophet, and King, we too are called to "go out and make disciples of all nations." We create disciples by becoming a witness to the inner workings of the Trinity when we make sacrifices, act counter-culturally, and serve others.

The Trinity is our most profound mystery. By being consecrated to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and made participants in Christ's threefold mission, baptism becomes our way of entering into this great mystery of the Trinity. This is why I find it very rewarding to share this mystery with parents who want their children to become disciples of Christ. By the end of our time together, it is my hope that these parents realize that the Trinity is not an abstract construct, but a

dynamic, living reality that is distinctly present in their family's faith journey as every member strives to live out their priestly, prophetic, and kingly baptismal calling. I wish you all a blessed Trinity Sunday!

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE – Begins next week.

From June 1 until the Tuesday after Labour Day, St. Basil's will adopt a summer schedule for weekday Masses. During this time there will be no regular 5:10 Mass during the weekdays. All other Masses will occur as usual. The TV Mass will be filming irregularly during June in order to prepare for their transition to their new location. There is also a great deal of work that will occur in the church as the radiators are removed.

During this time, Fr. Chris will be seeking input from the community about the weekday Mass schedule. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak to him about them.

Book Club: Community by Peter Block

As Fr Chris says, "The Holy Spirit is restless and never satisfied."

Based on the response at the extended Vigil on Saturday, May 23rd, the conversation ignited by *Community: The Structure of Belonging* is just beginning.

To be part of the next phase of this discussion, meet in the **Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00pm.**

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: BUILDING THE CHILDREN'S ATRIUM

We are beginning a summer project to build a "Children's Atrium" (a space where 0-6 year olds will learn and be practically catechized). Some materials need to be made, and we need your skills to make them!

If you have a special knack for **woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, painting/drawing/sketching, or crafting** please contact Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org, and she will schedule a consultation with you. We have lots of instructions and blueprints to help with the building of these materials, and the Basil's Team is willing to answer any questions you might have!

Who do people say I am?

Theologians
say you are Risen Lord
ushering in the Kingdom of God
which begins here and now
and continues on into eternity.

The nuns who taught me
told me you are God's only Son
who died for my sins
because you love me.

A TV preacher
tells me you are my saviour,
but only if I repent

My neighbour
confides that you were
the greatest preacher
who ever lived.
It's such a shame
you had to die.

The woman in the pew
next to me in church
on Sunday
says you are the one
who cured her mother's cancer.

My child
tells me simply that you are God:
he knows
because Father Richard came
to his classroom last week
and said so.

Yes, but who do you say I am.....

Carole Thomas
Parishioner

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, May 24, 2015

\$ 5,040.35

The Serra Club of Toronto Downtown meets after the 12:10 parish mass for Vocations on Wednesday June 3 at the Charbonnel Lounge. The guest speaker will be Basilian Father Daniel Callam who will share his vocation story and journey in the priesthood. Guests are welcome. RSVP 416-964-8694.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

May 31 – June 6, 2015

Sunday – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9:00 – Luisa, Amalia & Amata Corte +,+,+

10:30 – Pro Populo

12:00 – Patrick Joseph Unger +

4:30 – Santiago Santos +

Monday – St. Justin

7:30 – Special Intentions of Donor

12:10 – Adam Ross +

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass

5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Tuesday

7:30 – Souls in Purgatory

12:10 – In Thanksgiving

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass

5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Wednesday – St. Charles Lwanga

7:30 – Thalheimer Family

12:10 – Vocations Mass

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass

5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

7:30 – Frank & Mike Gregoire +,+

12:10 – Luigi & Lina Ciavarella +,+

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass

5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – St. Boniface

7:30 – Souls in Purgatory

12:10 – Mr. Stefan & Mrs. Anna Papez +,+

4:00 – Televised Daily Mass

5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

5:00 – Eileen Devlin & Michael Rowe +,+

**JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD
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Next Sunday is the John Ford First Sunday Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each mass.

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, 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.

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