CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



ST. BASIL'S

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Sat 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

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

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

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

For 161 years (1856-2017), 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: Associate Pastor: Office Manager: Director of Music: Assistant Organist: Director of Pastoral Ministries: Jessica De Luca **Community Coordinator:** Director of Family Ministries: **Evening Office Assistant:**

Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB Margaret D'Elia J.P. Farahat Stefani Bedin Michael Pirri Marilena Berardinelli Stela Tudor

BYE...FOR NOW

by Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

One of the most difficult things about having visits from my family and close friends is their departure. It is always so good to see them and spend quality time with them; however, after they leave, there is an emptiness that results even though I am confident that I shall see them again. Of course, that might not be the case.

Life is so fragile and death so unpredictable, especially when we consider tragedies like the mass shooting at that First Baptist Church in Texas last weekend. We keep in prayer those families who lost loved ones in that act of violence. May God strengthen their faith, and in their emptiness, may God fill them with the hope that we hear about in this weekend's second reading.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul offers the Christian community some



comforting words as they grieve the loss of loved ones. He reminds them of the hope that is central to Jesus' message, the hope that has its basis in the Resurrection of Jesus. "Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died" (4.14). We believe that the souls of the faithful departed, the souls of those for whom we pray and remember in a special way during the month of November, are with God. We, too, have that same hope, that after we are called to our eternal home, "we will be with the Lord forever" (4.17) along with the loved ones whom we look forward to seeing again. These are definitely encouraging words! So when we experience the death of a loved one, we believe it's only bye...for now.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Wisdom 6.12-16 Psalm 63 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

We are currently in need of volunteers to help as ushers. There is a special need for Ministers of Hospitality at the Saturday 5:00PM Vigil Mass and Sunday 4:30PM Mass.

If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact Michael via email at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace. This campaign invites Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peace building.

Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. On **November 24-25**, you're invited to sign a simple postcard from Development and Peace. It asks the federal government to give women around the world the resources they need to be at the heart of peace.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Christmas is around the corner, and our outreach ministries of Out of the Cold and Miller Group are planning special lunch events including gift bags for all of our patrons. This year, we expect our Christmas Lunch will attract about 130 patrons.

Chartwells, the food provider for St. Michael's College, has generously donated a significant portion of the lunches we will be serving.

Our challenge now is to raise funds for gift bags containing essential health and hygiene products for 130 community members in need of a little hand-up.

How can you help us? You can buy a gift bag for \$10, to help cover the cost of the items purchased.On **November 18 and 19**, volunteers will be at the back of the church to accept your donation.

Thank you for your continued support in feeding our community in need 52 weeks a year, and in helping to make their Christmas a special and joyful time.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Basil's will collect gently used items for families in need, on the weekend of **November 18-19**. We accept clothes, footwear, blankets, sheets, towels and drapery, as well as new or nearly new toys, and small household goods. We don't collect appliances, baby or other furniture, dishes, books or video/audio cassettes. We donate the goods to families in need, exchange them for vouchers to help the needy, or sell them to support our charitable works.

There will be a truck parked at the church all weekend, and volunteers will be there before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please tie up your donation bags to make handling easier, and to prevent spoilage.

Thank you for your kind support.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DOCTORS' GUILD

Calling all Catholic physicians, residents and medical students! You are welcome to join for Vespers and Mass with Cardinal Collins, followed by an annual meeting and dinner.

Cardinal Collins will address the group during dinner regarding their role in spreading the Gospel in the profession. Meet other Catholic physicians, pray together and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The event takes place on Saturday **November 25, starting at 5:00PM** in Loretto College.

- Vespers begin at 5:00PM., Mass follows 5:30PM.
- Dinner will run from 6:45 to 9:30PM.

Please contact the Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild to RSVP or request more information. They can be reached via toronto.catholic.doctors@gmail.com

SERRA CLUB

The Downtown Toronto Serra Club invites you to a luncheon talk on **Wednesday, November 15 following the 12:10PM Mass.** The guest speaker is Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB who will be talking about his vocation story.

Interested individuals are asked to RSVP via the parish office by Monday, November 13.

BIOETHICS LECTURE

All are invited to join the Canadian Catholics Bioethics Institute talk by Dr. Andrew P.W. Bennett. The focus will be on how we as Catholics are called to take bolder steps in affirming through a vibrant public faith life-giving nature of human dignity and witness to the Incarnational reality of the human person.

The lecture takes place on **Thursday**, **November 16, at 7:00PM** in Carr Hall (100 St. Joseph Street).

Please contact bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca for more information.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 5, 2017 \$ 7,906.70



