

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
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

WHAT WE CANNOT SEE

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

As an early teenager, I took on my first real job at a cemetery near to my house. The funeral home was owned and operated by family friends who were also parishioners at the church. While I admit it was often strange going to a cemetery to visit friends, I often thought how even more strange it was for their two daughters who grew up living among the dead.

But then I began to work at the cemetery, I soon realized there was so much I noticed that most did not. There was a lot of care given to the grounds - and in time you started to become aware that it was not only a place for the dead, but also for the living.

As many of you are aware, the month of November is the month Catholics remember the dead, which begins with the celebration of All Saints on the 1st and All Souls on the 2nd. During this month, St. Basil's places two Books of Remembrance in the church so that people may light a candle for the names listed in these books. In turn, the community prays for them in a particular way.

Just this past week, I was to explain all of this to our RCIA candidates, and was quite appropriately asked, "but why do we pray for the dead?" The answer is two fold: one, because we believe that many of them are still struggling to receive the full grace of God that allows them to receive the gift of eternal life. After all, it is a tremendous gift – one many of us, I imagine, will feel unworthy of.

The second reason is that we believe they are not dead, but alive in a different state. It much like my time at the cemetery – once we begin to see the dead from a different perspective, we see how much life is there. One of the central ideas of our faith is that death is not the end, but part of a journey in which we are transformed. And so this month, we pray for the souls and saints we have known, that they may accept God's grace, and in turn, pray for us.

Readings: Lamentations 3.17-26, 1 Corinthians 15.51-57, Matthew 11.25-30 or John 12.23-26

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

This month we remember those who have gone on ahead of us – family, relatives, friends and we pray that they may enjoy eternal life as won by our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In particular, we remember those whose funerals took place at St. Basil's during the past year:

- Asquith Atkinson
- Brendan Michael Cahill
- Aileen Mary Duffy
- Tie Siem Go
- Alfred Hunter Graham
- Anne Gregoire
- Mebrat Habtu Kuflu
- Sarah McKinnon
- Rev. Thomas Mohan, CSB
- Angela Ottaviani
- Joel A. Urnom

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to place the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance. All of them will be remembered at daily Masses at St. Basil's during the month of **November**. The books will be located at the head of the two side aisles.

THANK YOU!

As many of you know, we re-dedicated the Stations of the Cross on the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a momentous occasion for our parish and the many people who will come to journey with Christ. Though I thanked them at our re-dedication, I would like to take a moment to thank the many people who made this possible: Our Donors, Dr. Richard Alway, Mario Manza, and Rod McEwan and Sam Perketa of Torque Builders who hung the Stations. Perhaps most of all, I want to thank Bruce Beraman of B.M. Picture & Frame in Cumberland Village who took on this momentous project. Bruce was the angel we needed in the moment - to an extent many will never know. Should you ever need framing done, my hope is that you pay him a visit in gratitude for all his has done for our parish.

– Fr. Chris

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014, 7:30 PM:

BACH AND THE ROMANTICS. Pianist Adam Żukiewicz presents a solo recital on the sanctuary grand piano. Music will include J. S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp minor, BWV 849*, Beethoven's *Piano sonata in E minor, op. 90*, as well as works by Chopin and Rachmaninov. Admission is free, donations will be directed towards Saint Basil's music program.

ALTAR SERVER AWARDED

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 the Serra Club of Downtown Toronto honoured altar servers in the Archdiocese of Toronto at the Twenty Ninth Annual Bishop's Altar Servers Awards Ceremony. St. Basil's Altar Server **Jason Israel Fernandez** was selected as an outstanding Altar Server. Congratulations Jason on your award! Well done!

THE SERRA CLUB OF TORONTO DOWNTOWN

meets on Wednesday, November 5 starting with 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Basil's. After a buffet lunch in the parish hall, Orianna Bertucci will speak about the role of chaplaincy at a secular university. Guests are welcome. Contact A. MacCarthy at 416-964-8694 to reserve your spot.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, October 25, 2014 \$7,460.36

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

May we help people to discover the joy of the Christian message: a message of love and mercy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CANCELLATION NOTICE

Dear Parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous support over the years during our Bundle Up Weekends. Unfortunately the Bundle Up Weekends for November 2014 and going forward have been cancelled. The Society has implemented a new system of bins to be used for pickup which are too large for our Parish lot. Please do not bring any bundles to the church as we have no pick up facilities.

If you do have articles for donation, there are three options in the downtown core:

Double Take at Gerrard and Parliament. Phone 416.725.6069. If you have 6 garbage bags or more they will pick up for a \$10.00 fee.

Goodwill Store – 231 Richmond Street E. Phone 416.363.3041.

Salvation Army – 252 Parliament Street. Phone 416.955.0362.

Thank you again and God bless.

OPERATION EYEGLASSES

At the 5pm Vigil and Sunday 9/10:30/12 masses on November 22nd and 23rd, liberate your drawer space by donating surplus readers, sunglasses, and prescription glasses to the visually disabled. Please use the donation bin in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity as we approach Advent.

GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for seniors is continuing into the fall. Classes are on Wednesdays at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS HAS RETURNED!

Join us every Saturday morning at 9 AM as we pray the official prayer of the church. This time of prayer is held around the Blessed Sacrament with a focus on vocations to the priesthood and the needs of our parish.

We are selling Christmas cards this weekend after all the Masses. Money raised will go to the Community Capital Fund.



November 2nd – 8th

Sunday – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- 9:00 – Tessie Dungca +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Miss. Pauline Moise +
- 4:30 – Dec. members of the Go, Yunon & Alvarado families

Monday

- 7:30 – Fr. Ken Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – Penny Glancy +
- 5:10 – George Radwanski +

Tuesday – St. Charles Borromeo

- 7:30 – Angelina Dinascio Ottaviani +
- 12:10 – Leo Harris MacLean +
- 5:10 – Mr. & Mrs. Sylvia Pulhencio & family (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Felipe Macalino +
- 12:10 – For Vocations
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Niel, Heide Kapawan and Sayo family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Fr. Ken Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Fr. D.C. Marmion +
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Frank Duff +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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