

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

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 Capiello
Sacramental Coordinator: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

KINGS AND SHEPHERDS REV. CHRIS VALKA, CSB

I have to admit that I usually find the Solemnity of Christ the King a bit too triumphalistic for my taste; however, this year, I just adore the readings the accompany this celebration.

Our first reading comforts us with a promise that the Lord God will tend to the sheep of the flock - all of them: the scattered sheep; the lost sheep; the sheep in need of rescue; the sheep longing for a pasture. The lost will be found. The strayed will be brought back. The injured will be bound. And the sick will be healed.

In the tender care of the Lord God, our shepherd, everyone will find rest.

BUT. . . our Gospel reminds us that, before we rest, there is work to be done. Just as God has done for us, so we are do to for others; for it is the only way we will save our soul.

Why? Because in doing so, we will learn how to see the world as it is seen from the Heavens. Those you once thought worthless, will now seem worthy - worthy of your care; worthy of your visit; worthy of your drink;

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

of your food; of your clothing - worthy of saving.

As we care for those around us, we fulfill our own charism to be priest, prophet and king – according to our baptism. We are a priest when we serve as mediator and offer sacrifices of our time, resources and person. We are prophets when we witness God's word among us. We are kings when we serve and protect those in our care.

Most certainly we will fall short of such a great commission, but we take comfort in knowing that God does not ask us to be successful in our attempt; only that we be faithful to it. May we always have the grace to do so.

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15,20-26, 28; Matthew 25.31-46.

ADVENT VESPERS

On Saturday, November 29 at 7:30pm, participate in evening vespers to usher in the advent season, complete with hymns, prayers, and psalms. An interactive dinner experience will be offered 6:00-7:15 pm in the parish hall (donations accepted). All are welcome!



PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA BOOK FAIR

Our Parish will be hosting a Catholic Book & Media Fair on the weekend of December 6 and 7, 2014. The Daughters of St. Paul will be here before and after all the Masses beginning with the Saturday Vigil. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get something inspirational to read, watch or listen to, for yourself, family and friends especially for this Advent/Christmas Season. Stop by to see what a great selection of Catholic books, music CDs and DVD movies are being offered from Sister's Pauline Books and Media Centre on Dufferin Street. Find our more about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul at www.pauline.org

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, November 16, 2014

\$4,844.66

We are selling Blue Advent reflection books this weekend after all the Masses. Money raised will go to the Community Capital Fund.

A SEASON OF RECONCILIATION

Advent is a season of hope, return and fulfillment. The stories, songs, prayers and liturgy all remind us that we are in relationship with God and one another through a shared vision of the Kingdom of God. However, there are times when we have lost sight of that vision and so we it is also a season of reconciliation.

There are two opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this season: the first is December 3 at 7:00 pm. The evening will be a communal service of prayer and examination of conscience. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

The second is the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions on December 10. Confessions will be heard throughout the day.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Basil's is forming a Brigade of volunteers to help with various upcoming events. These team members will be primarily involved with hospitality, set-up and tear-down, and event planning. If you'd like to become part of the Basil's Brigade, talk to Leanna after Mass and she will get you started.

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. Last class before Christmas will be December 17th.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY

On December 6th we will be having a special Mass for Our Lady at 12:00 noon. Afterwards in the parish hall we will have a small celebration. Please plan on joining us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY @ St. Basil's

GREAT NEWS....The children's program is up and running!! We have had a few changes this year. The program will now be running at the Sunday 9:00am mass, we are offering \ 2 classes : 3 -5 and 6-10 year olds and we are in the Chapel in the church basement. All children must be registered for to attend the program, there is a \$5.00 registration fee to cover costs and one parent must actively participate in the program. Visiting families to church are very welcome to join us on weekends they are with us!

If you would like to register your child(ren), forms are available from the church office or the church website. You can also contact Ann Schnurr, co-ordinator, at ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca.

PAPAL BLESSING SCROLLS

There is a change in procedure for ordering of the Papal Blessing Scrolls. Effective November 15th, Papal Blessing scrolls will only be available directly from the Vatican, not through the Archdiocese of Toronto. Parishioners will be able to go on line, download the order form, and send directly to the Vatican by fax or mail. The scroll order will be processed and sent to the parishioner directly. Vatican website: www.vatican.va, under the Roman Curia tab, and then the Office of Papal Charities.

2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2015 Offertory envelopes will be available in the church in December for pick up. In the meantime we would like to update our parish list. If you have moved, changed your phone number, please email the parish office at office@stbasiltoronto.org or call at 416-926-7110 with your changes. Thank you for helping to keep our parish list updated.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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



November 23rd – 29th, 2014

Sunday – Christ the King

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins family
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Marie-Josephé Quaneaux +
- 4:30 – H. Clifford Hatch +

Monday – St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

- 7:30 – Catarina and Manuel Cachopo +,+
- 12:10 – David Wingell +
- 5:10 – Paddy Joe Cosgrove +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Eugene (liv.)
- 12:10 – Special Intentions of Donor
- 5:10 – Francis & Anthony Nomorosa (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Kattie Nomorosa +
- 12:10 – Crispin Custodio & Rafael Custodio (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & his Mother
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – Meghan and Juliette Musngi (liv.)
- 12:10 – Alexandra Custodio & Gerry Santos-Cuyugan (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Mr. Stefan & Mrs. Anna Papez +,+

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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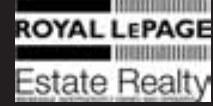
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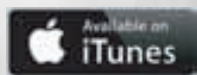
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