

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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
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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: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

KEEPING AWAKE DURING ADVENT LEANNA CAPIELLO

Have you ever found yourself physically present, but mentally or spiritually disengaged? Let me tell you... this happens to me often enough for me to write reflections about it. It happens to all of us, especially now that Advent is upon us.

During this Advent season, we are invited to be fully present in anticipation for Christ's birth, and all that comes with it. The great irony is that we are over-stimulated by the culture of the Christmas season that tries so desperately to make us fully present and "awake".

Today's Gospel reading begins with Jesus telling His disciples, "Beware, keep alert," and reiterates, "keep awake" more than once. This reading from Mark has a sense of anticipation, of urgency: these unknown happenings are impending. And like a newborn infant arriving, we must expect all kinds of spiritual births. This is what Advent is: the preparation for a new beginning! Wouldn't you want to be awake for that? So what does "keeping awake" mean for us today?

Often in this time of year, we are told that it is

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

best to avoid the cultural-secular hustle-bustle altogether. We might be told that it is a distraction from what is really important, and to just tune it all out. Instead, I challenge you this Advent and Christmas season, to engage fully with the traditions and experiences that you and your loved ones enjoy most:

When you are preparing baked goods and cooking meals, take a moment to smell, taste and chew what you have labored over. When you are hosting or attending an event, recognize how loved you are, and how many among us crave authentic fellowship. When you are shopping for a special someone's gift, recognize what importance person is in your life, and what ways he or she has become a gift to you. Instead of mindlessly trudging through the holiday season with a to-do list, take a moment to savour it. These are incarnate, momentary encounters with goodness.

Anticipation is what Advent is about. As Catholics, we have a deepened understanding of what these secularized signs and symbols (like Santa Claus, snowmen, twinkle lights and elves) are pointing toward: awe-struck, joyful, elated expectancy. For it is in these joyful engagements that we find what Jesus was talking about - the true gift of beginning, belonging, and believing.

*Readings: Isaiah 63.16b-17, 64.1, 3-8;
1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37.*

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 out more about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul at www.pauline.org

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!

KNITTED GIFTS!

On Sunday, December 7th, the "Threads of Prayer" team will be selling all the knitted belongings they made this year. Each item was crafted with love and care! Consider supporting the Community Capitol Fund by purchasing a hat, scarf or blanket for a Christmas gift: next Sunday after each Mass.

JOHN FOR FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

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.

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 therefore celebrate the gift 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.

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.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH HIS EMINENCE THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and the Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in solemn Eucharistic Adoration at St. Basil's Parish on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and Cardinal Collins will provide a brief reflection. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be made available for the duration.

A social for the young adults of the archdiocese will follow at St. Basil's Parish Hall from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

For more information, contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.ocytoronto.org.

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.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY @ St. Basil's

The program will now run 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.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, November 23, 2014 \$7,946.16

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 – 7:30 P.M. AT ST. BASIL'S: INSPIRED BY VENICE. An Advent choir and orchestra concert featuring the music of Monteverdi, Schütz and Tunder. St Michael's Schola Cantorum, directed by Michael O'Connor; orchestra led by Christopher Verrette, violin. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the University of Saint Michael's College.



November 30 – December 6, 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 – Olga Beres Barna +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Mike Gregoire +
- 4:30 – Rev. Alexander Barna +

Monday

- 7:30 – Ruby, Bianca and Vincent Ozaeta (liv.)
- 12:10 – David Go +
- 5:10 – Noel Dela Fuente +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Ann Stuart +
- 12:10 – Timothy Richards +
- 5:10 – Angela Laforgia +

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Gerald Magosse (liv.)
- 12:10 – Vocations
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Sam, Bahn & Dean Persad +
- 12:10 – Mike Gregoire +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

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

Saturday

- 12:00 – Celebration of Our Lady
- 5:00 – Margaret Mahoney +

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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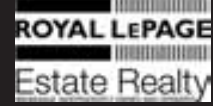
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