

# 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 - 8:30pm)  
Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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## SUNDAY MASSES

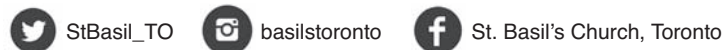
5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;  
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

## 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.



St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

**For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.**

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

## THE GOLDEN COMPLEMENT TO THE GOLDEN RULE

By John Dalla Costa

There are times in everyone's spiritual life when a door starts closing before a new one opens. In that discomfiting gap, before longing comes to fruition, or grief gets fully mourned, we experience a type of vulnerability that can be truly transformative.

In today's readings we meet two remarkable women who in the face of utter deprivation chose to be completely generous. One nameless widow fed the prophet Elijah with her last handful of flour; another nameless widow offered all of her few pennies in thanksgiving and praise at the synagogue.

It turned out that their own desperation was dissolved by these acts of incredible mercy. But beyond that, in giving away to others what each needed most for herself, these women also affected cosmic change - in one case, enabling an indispensable prophet to do God's work; in the

other, becoming an exemplar for prayer in the humble, self-offering style embodied by Jesus himself towards the Heavenly Father.

Usually our vulnerabilities cause us to turn our attention inward, to ourselves. These women had so much trust in our loving God that they deepened their own precariousness to share with others.

At the very beginning of his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola instructs us to be "generous to God." This is an inversion of prayer for many of us, who turn to God seeking consolation, intercession, help, succour, clarity, or forgiveness. Ignatius' point, I think, is that God needs us, not technically, because God is God, but relationally, because we have been created in love, and redeemed to love back.

As happened to the widows, the turn to generosity in our lives, especially learning to give to others from our own vulnerability, creates space for unexpected grace to surprise us. It also, as happened with the widows, tips over a domino that spreads giving and receiving to others. The destiny of nations, and the salvation of souls, pivot on even our most humble of offerings, when these are shared from the heart, and circulated with love.

*Sunday's Readings:*

- 1 Kings 17:10-16*
- Hebrews 9:24-28*
- Mark 12:41-44*

**ORGAN CONCERT**

On **Friday, November 20, 2015 at 7:30pm**, Koichi Inoue plays a concert of solo piano music by Chopin, Liszt, Albéniz, Fauré, and Scarlatti.

Admission is free, and donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

**TWO COLLARS AND A HABIT**

*"Two priests and a nun walk into a bar..."*

Back by popular demand! Now's your chance to see the Part II of the Barstool series, with a little twist. Featuring the two "collars": Fr. Chris Valka, CSB of St Basil's Parish and Fr. Frank Portelli of the Office of Catholic Youth and our "habit" Sr. Helena Burns, FSP the "Media Nun."

Join us at the Foxes Den on **Tuesday, November 10: 7:30pm** to begin with Q&A with our special guests (ask a question, any question), followed by Speed dating/meet and greet at 8:15pm (have a more in-depth conversation, one-on-one or in a small group).

All ages welcome and encouraged! Contact Leanna in the parish office for more details.

**PRESENTATION ON PRAYER**

Join our Pastor, Fr. Chris Valka, CSB on **Wednesday, November 11**, as he discusses prayer in the Christian Tradition. He'll talk about different types of prayer and how not to judge your prayer life! We begin at 7:00pm in the main church for evening meditation.

**MEAGHER LECTURE**

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, November 13, 2015**, the USMC Faculty of Theology will host the 'Rediscover St. Michael's College Series.' This event is designed for the St. Michael's and St. Basil's community to get to know the new Faculty of Theology Dean, Dr. James Ginther, and his vision for the Faculty.

This event will be immediately followed by the Meagher Lecture. This year's Meagher Lecture will feature **Basilian Father Bill Irwin**, who will present "Between Church and University: St. Michael's Faculty of Theology at Sixty."

Dr. Ginther and Fr. Irwin's presentations will both take place in Charbonnel Lounge, 81 St. Mary Street, at 7:00pm. Admission is free and no pre-registration is required.

## “Two Generations”

Your years  
    have taught you  
    a language  
        different from mine.  
You speak of  
Mary  
    as the Blessed Virgin,  
Jesus  
    as Our Lord.  
Priests  
    don't have first names.  
You walk  
    with pain and crutches,  
yet reverently  
    attempt to genuflect:  
ritual  
    means more  
        to you  
    than it ever has  
        to me.  
It was a barrier  
    between us once,  
until I began  
    to watch and listen  
        with an open heart  
and saw  
    that your God  
        is my God too;  
and He really doesn't mind  
    if you call His mother  
        Our Lady  
    while I call her  
        Mary.

~Carole Thomas

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 1, 2015

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## MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 8th-14th

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Matos & Martins Families Pro Populo In Honour of the Eternal Father Fr. Ken Decker, C.S.B. (liv.)
<b>Monday</b> 7:30am- 12:00pm-	Nestor & Julie Licudan & Family(liv.) Bobo Tong (liv.)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Leo the Great</b> Zenaida (+) In Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Martin of Tours</b> Nila Hipona (liv.) Leo R. Sands, C.S.B. (+)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Josaphat</b> Special Intentions of the donor Arcadio Deguia (+)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30am- 12:10pm-	<b>Saint Francis Xavier</b> Special Intentions of the donor Vanessa & Cecil (liv.)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm-	Olga Beres Barna (+)

## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

*Throughout the month of November, we pray for our  
deceased family and friends in a special way:*

Lord Jesus,  
    have mercy on all who have died.  
Bring them into the fullness of your joy  
and let them live with you in heaven.  
    Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.  
    Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, and Luz Manalo.

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