

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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## 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 Capiello  
Sacramental Coordinator: Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### The Temple of his Body, Temple of the World

Emily VanBerkum

Today's Gospel recalls the memorable story of Jesus cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem. Since Passover was quickly approaching, Jesus sought to purify the misdeeds occurring in the Temple, which was the cultural and spiritual centre of Judaism, by driving out the sheep, cattle, and money changers with "a whip of cords." The drama of this scene was spurred on by Jesus' frustration that "his Father's house" was being treated like a marketplace.

Although the Temple was a dynamic place of business and trade, and that animals were required for burnt offerings, it was not meant to be defiled by people and things becoming transformed into commodities.

This story contrasts Jesus' authority with the power of the Temple cult. Because Jesus acted with such intensity and conviction on the cusp of one of the most significant feasts in the Jewish year, the Jewish people in the Temple understandably requested that Jesus explain himself. The Jews asked, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus responded that

## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILLICA

he will destroy this temple, and in three days he will raise it up. By making this bold and unusual claim (after all, the temple took over forty years to build), Jesus revealed his divine Sonship by expressing that just as God resides in the Temple and Jesus is the manifestation of God on earth, that Jesus himself is the Temple. Amazingly, Jesus also foreshadowed his own resurrection by using the temple as a metaphor for his body. He will inevitably die, but in three days he will be raised by God from the dead.

What an incredible moment of belief- or even disbelief- to imagine Jesus positioning himself as the new Temple. Paul's letter to the Corinthians helps explain the significance of this metaphor. Because of God's grace and through death on a cross, Jesus laid the foundation for Christian life. Created in God's image, we become temples that are built on sacred foundation. If we truly believe that our bodies are temples, and that our lives are all drawn from one unifying foundation, then we are called to reverence for ourselves and all people. We become holy beings whose mission it is to make holy our world, just as God's Temple was made holy through the incarnation of Jesus, a man in the world.

*Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9b-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22*

### **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 book will be located at the front of the church.

**NEXT SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) 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.

### **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](mailto:ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca).

### **SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, November 2, 2014

\$7,762.29

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:** A good example brings about so much good, but hypocrisy brings about much evil.

### **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.

**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.

A reminder that Basil's Book Club will be discussing Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Under Water* on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Get reading!

**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.

**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.



**LEST WE FORGET  
REMEMBRANCE DAY  
A SPECIAL MASS TO BE  
HELD @ 12:10 P.M.  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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



**November 9 – 15, 2014**

**Sunday – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

- 9:00 – Joseph Redmond Sheedy +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Donato Frigo +
- 4:30 – Hermogines Hinqmpas +

**Monday – St. Leo the Great**

- 7:30 – Charles Yu +
- 12:10 – Labrie family (liv. & dec.)
- 5:10 – Helen Fraser +

**Tuesday – St. Martin of Tours**

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Protection for the Unborn Children
- 5:10 – Joseph Laforgia

**Wednesday – St. Josaphat**

- 7:30 – Jait family (liv. & dec. )
- 12:10 – Arcadio Deguia +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Duguay family (liv. & dec. )
- 12:10 – Greta Byrne +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**

- 7:30 – Denise Coady +
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Dec. members of the Legion of Mary

**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, especially Margaret Christina MacDonald Cahill.**



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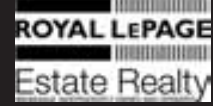
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