

# 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)  
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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

## 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.



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St. Basil's Church, Toronto

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
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
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## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

## FOLLOWING JESUS

By Tina Sibbald

James and John, had some nerve, wouldn't you agree? They wanted to sit to the left and right of Jesus because they knew about the glory that awaited Him. They wanted to be in places of honour, but they were a little clueless about what He would go through to arrive at the other side. Simplistic, but it reminds me of a famous person in need of good publicity who poses for photographers handing out food in a soup kitchen.... for five minutes. All show and no go!

It is likely not a stretch if I ask you to think for a moment about a challenging or troubling situation in your life. Is it easy to think, "why me"? Of course it is — great men and women of faith have struggled thus since the dawn of time. In Judaism, the challenging question about "why bad things happen to good people" is extensively written about and often referred to as "divinely guided challenges" designed to benefit mankind. Is there anyone among us who would actually choose to suffer? Probably not.

Jesus knows all about it. He suffered physical abuse, torture even. He suffered betrayal, humiliation, rejection, separation from God. He chose it and He did not retaliate in any way. Forgive me for repeating, but in case you missed it, He chose it.

This is Christianity in a nutshell. Jesus chose to suffer and die in our place so that we may have eternal life. Our job, therefore, as followers of Jesus, may seem simple, but somehow we manage to make it more complicated because we get all wrapped up in feeling sorry for ourselves. We need to have a vital prayer life so that we may persevere in times of trial. The two are inextricably linked.

So here's a little practical exercise to help you out this week. When you think it can't get any worse, find someone who is in a more dire spot than you are (there's always someone), and offer them a kind word, a small good deed, or even a sandwich and a coffee. Trust me, your perspective will change. Then go home and pray, or go to church and pray, or just pray while you are walking. Or if you don't have it in you to pray, just talk. He can hear you. God really does have a sense of humour — God knew it was my turn to write this week and God chose these verses just for me. But that's a story for some other time. Blessings to you all.

*Today's Readings:*  
*Isaiah 53.10-11*  
*Hebrews 4.14-16*  
*Mark 10.35-45*

### R.C.I.A IS UNDERWAY!

Check out our schedule online or pick up a hard copy from the parish office.

Join the program next week for a special **Teaching Mass** celebrated by Fr. Mike Lehman, CSB on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm in the main church followed by a tour of our historic parish.** *Have you ever wondered why we stand during the Gospel or why priests wear certain vestments? Learn the answers to these questions and more!*

### SENIORS GENTLE FITNESS CLASS

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00AM in the parish hall, a certified instructor teaches a Gentle Fitness Class meant to accommodate all fitness and mobility levels. Each class costs \$7.00 and no registration is required for your first visit—simply arrive wearing good shoes and be ready to have some fun!

For more information, please visit our website.

### CCSA PRESENTATION ON THE SYNOD

Canadian Catholic Students Association (CCSA) presents: "Called to Love - Journeying with the Synod on Marriage and Family." This presentation will take place from **October 23-25, 2015** at The Newman Centre.

**Dr. Janine Langan** will present during this series on the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and contemporary world.

Please register now at [ccsatoronto.weebly.com](http://ccsatoronto.weebly.com). The cost to attend all three nights is \$100 Non-Commuter Students; \$60 Commuter Students.

### 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.

## FAMILY MASS

On **Sunday, October 25 at the 12:00pm Mass**, our community will celebrate another Family Mass featuring the youth choir. If your child or young teen would like to participate in the Mass by serving as a liturgical minister, please contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) or through the parish office.

## MUSIC, SERVANT OF THE TEXT

You are invited to the Toronto School of Theology **Liturgy Seminar** facilitated by Senior Lecturer **Dr. Michael O'Connor** on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:15pm in the TST building (47 Queen's Park Crescent).

It is often said that in the context of Christian worship, music is to be a "servant of the text." This seminar presentation will first consider that implications of this assertion and its implications during the Second Vatican Council, specifically for the Constitution on the Liturgy. This is a free seminar and no pre-registration is required.

## AGING AND SPIRITUALITY LECTURE

On **Friday, October 30, 2015 at 2:00 pm**, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute hosts a special lecture: **Aging and Spirituality**.

According to the invitation, "recent gerontology research has revealed the under-developed potentials in our maturing years (50+). Of these, spirituality (inner growth) has been identified as an undeveloped resource. In fact, maturing years have the possibility of being a time of unparalleled inner growth. This presentation will deal with this potential and its implications for ethical decision making in our later years."

Guest speakers include **Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ, Father Paul Lennon, and Sister Agnes Teresa Sheehan, CSJ**. All are welcome to attend this free lecture. No pre-registration is required. Exact location of the lecture is 95 St. Joseph Street, East Door, Room 101. If you wish to use the elevator, please call: 416-353-4224.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 11, 2015

\$5,193.00



## MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 18th-24th

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00am-	Lylla Fahlman (liv.) & Family
10:30am-	Pro Populo
12:00pm-	Maria Elizabeth Myung (+) & Family
4:30pm-	Sr. Jeanne Cover, I.B.V.M. (liv.)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues</b>
7:30am-	Agnes Jack (+)
12:00pm-	Maneel and Catarina Cachopo (+,+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:30am-	John Davis (liv.)
12:10pm-	Basilian Fathers (liv. & +)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:30am-	Agnes and Eddy Lee (liv.)
12:10pm-	Glynis Murphy (+)
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:30am-	Rosa DeMichino (+)
12:10pm-	John Patrick King (+)
<b>Friday</b>	
7:30am-	Olga Beres Barna (+)
12:10pm-	Fernando Tubongbanua (+)
<b>Saturday</b>	
5:00pm-	Eugene Kalwa (+)

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, Greg Rath, and Luz Manalo.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Lambert Carrasco, Phil Ferlito, and Joan Courtois.





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