

# 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; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Stefani Bedin
Community Coordinator:	Michael Pirri
Director of Family Ministries:	Marilena Berardinelli
Evening Office Assistant:	Stela Tudor

## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT AND THE SMALLEST CHILD

*by Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell*

The Atrium of Saint Basil's Parish has begun a new year. Just as the returning children have grown, so has our Atrium. As I write this, we have completed two full weekends (six sessions) in the Atrium, and it is easy to reflect on the words of the Gospel today. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus tells his disciples: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind [...]. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" In a world full of noise, never ending To-Do Lists, and conflicts, it is hard to believe that these two commandments can be fully lived out by anyone. But I promise you that every Sunday these commandments are joyfully lived out by the children in the Atrium.

**For 161 years (1856-2017), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.**

**Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!**



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The youngest child, who is three years old, does not come to learn these commandments word for word till they are much older but as catechists we are always helping the child grow in their love for God and one another. One of the very first words the children are introduced to is Alleluia! Praise God! We repeat the word over and over. We sing the word with our whole bodies, with loud voices, and big gestures. And we praise God for the gifts we are given. The gift of our life, the gift of being present in the Atrium, and the gift of each other. Every week the children are presented with new work, new songs, and new words that brings them closer to God the Father and Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd. Hearing the words, "I love God," from a child's mouth is a moment of Alleluia for the catechists in the Atrium.

The youngest child in the Atrium loves with their whole heart and this creates an environment where everyone loves their neighbour as they love themselves. One of the first things the children learn about the Atrium is that it is a place of quiet where we respect one another's work and space. But how do I know love overflows in the Atrium? At the end of every single session we place Holy Water on one another's forehead and bless one another "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Not only do the children love receiving the gift of one another's blessing but they love blessing each other. No one leaves the room feeling unloved. It is my favourite part of every session and another Alleluia moment.

As we begin a new year in the Atrium we ask for you to pray for the catechists and children of the Atrium. Let us also pray that each one of us can take a moment this weekend and love God with the heart of the smallest child.

**SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

- EXODUS 22.21-27
- PSALM 18
- 1 THESSALONIANS 1.5C-10
- MATTHEW 22.34-40

**JOHN FORD FOOD DRIVE**

The John Ford First Sunday Food Drive is next weekend (**November 4/5**). Food or monetary donations are most welcome in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses. Although all donations are appreciated, we are most in need of:

- Canned tuna, chicken, ham
- Chicken broth
- Mayonnaise
- Pre-made icing for cakes/cupcakes
- Cookies
- Cream of chicken, mushroom, celery soup
- Rotini, penne pasta for casseroles
- Small pasta suitable for soup
- Pasta sauce in jars

*Thank You!*

**FRENCH CONNECTION**

Director of Music & Principal Organist John Paul Farahat presents the inaugural concert on the newly-restored organ of Saint Basil's Church featuring composers with connections and influences in France on **Friday, November 10, at 7:30PM**

In addition to works by Pierre Du Mage (1674 - 1751), Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937), and J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750), the concert will include the electrifying and newly-transcribed *Première Toccata improvisée on the Kyrie from Missa Orbis Factor* by Victor Togni (1935 - 1965), as well as Marcel Dupré's (1886 - 1971) *Cortège et Litanie*, and César Franck's (1822 - 1890) monumental *Choral no. 2 en si mineur*.

*Admission is free, \$20 suggested donation towards the music program of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.*

*Please contact JP at [johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca](mailto:johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca) for more information.*

## HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on **Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith.

The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

*For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).*

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS

In commemoration of *All Saints'* and *All Souls'* Day, and as a special way to honour our deceased loved ones at this time, our parish's *Book of Remembrance* will be on display in the sanctuary throughout the entire month of November. Please sign the names of the faithfully departed and pray for those listed.

## ADVENT BLUE BOOKS

The Advent Blue Books will be on sale in the vestibule of the church after all Masses on **November 25/26** for \$2.00. These books serve as a wonderful tool for guided prayer and reflection during the Advent season.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are currently recruiting Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who are able to assist at the Sunday 4:30PM Mass. No prior experience is required. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact Michael at [michael.pirri@utoronto.ca](mailto:michael.pirri@utoronto.ca) or (416) 926-7110.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 22, 2017 \$ 5,640.45



## MASS INTENTIONS

OCT 29<sup>TH</sup> — NOV 4<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Robin Elizabeth Chua MacKinnon (+)  
10:30am Pro Populo  
12:00pm Sertic Antun and Hermina (+,+)  
4:30pm Guido Valente (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am Manuel and Catarina Cacholo (+,+)  
12:10pm Benjamin and Maria Jaladoni (+,+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Lorenzo DiCecco (+)

### WEDNESDAY **All Saints**

7:30am The Thalheiner Family  
12:10pm David Myung and Family (liv.)

### THURSDAY **All Souls'**

7:30am Flora and Paul Sim (+,+)  
12:10pm Myriam Scoppio (+) and Family

### FRIDAY

7:30am Magdaleno & Elena Almeda (+,+)  
12:10pm Margaret Hynes (+)

### SATURDAY **St. Borromeo**

5:00pm Frank Gregoire (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Gerald Dunlevie, Erika Farncomb, Evelyn McGloin, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Tronccone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Joseph Bruce McCormick



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