

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 - 8:30 pm)

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

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
Director of Music: John Paul (J.P.) Farahat
Assistant Organist: Rashaan Allwood
Office Manager: Mary Hopper
Social & Community Coordinator: Leanna Capiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saying "please" and "thank you"
Leanna Capiello

What if God suddenly took away everything that you forgot to say "thank you" for?

Imagine... losing the things you took for granted: your favorite sweater, your TTC metro card, your mobility, your hair, pillows, warm socks, that essential morning cup of coffee, that extra 5\$ bill you found in your winter coat pocket. Gone without warning. Imagine a life without toothpaste!

Thankfully, it doesn't work this way. God doesn't punish us because we take things for granted or forget to say "thank you". Though this alternate perspective does reveal what kinds of things we might take for granted.

God gives freely so that we may not be in a position to earn, but in a position to thank. We are not used to this, as our society demands we earn our living, our belonging, and our worthiness.

If our mentality is that we are entitled to certain things, we live out of a place of fear and rigidity, for we might earn one day and lose another. We begin to think we are alone, forced to covet our goods without sharing. In the gospel, Jesus offers a parable about a landowner's tenants who killed slaves in order to keep from feeling threatened of the harvest they felt they deserved and earned.

This parable gives us a taste of the frightening ferocity of having to earn our keep and stay on top.

Alternatively, if our mentality changes to that of responding to a gift that has been freely given, we live out of a place of joy and playfulness. The entire second reading is filled with words like "prayer", "supplication", "thanksgiving", "honorable", "just", "praise" and "peace". It begins with "do not worry about anything" and ends with "keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me".

The former drives us to an individual pursuit of power; the latter motivates us to a community effort toward justice. Power steals life while the justice gives life.

We cannot "earn" our way into God's heart; we have already been given that gift. He invites us to ask and receive freely, we need only say thank you in our own way. How we act in response to thankfulness is how we are to live our daily lives: with joy, gratitude, and confidence in God's generous outpouring.

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7, Philippians 4.6-9, Matthew 21.33-43

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child in Grade 2 or 8 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org or call the parish office for more details.

Both programs begin in January (the exact date and time of both classes has yet to be determined). Each program meets for one hour - students with Emily and our team of catechists; and parents with Fr. Chris. The actual First Communions and Confirmations will occur in the weeks following Easter.

Due to lack of enrolment, Children's Liturgy will begin November 1 at the 10:30 am Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) is a program that welcomes new members into Roman Catholicism. This program is meant for all those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, or for those baptized in the Catholic tradition and would like to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. begins with a period of Inquiry, which allows those in the program to encounter the Good News of the Gospels and be introduced to Roman Catholic theology. At the beginning of Lent, a Rite of Acceptance (for those who have not yet been baptized) and Welcome (for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition) marks the transition from the period of Inquiry into the Catechumenate.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment begins with the Rite of Election celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent. At this point in the program, the entire Catholic community joins the catechumens in a period of reflection and repentance as we anticipate the Easter Triduum together. At the culmination of this period, after intense spiritual formation and prayer, our St. Basil's Parish community will joyfully welcome the catechumens into full membership with the Catholic Church when they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4, 2015.

R.C.I.A will begin on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 and will meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm. Our RCIA schedule has been posted online under the heading "Sacraments- RCIA."

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to attend the meetings for personal interest *or* to be part of our planning team, contact Emily at the Parish Office or through liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org.

Mat/Pat-Leave Moms/Dads

Are you on Maternity or Paternity Leave? Want a chance to connect with other parents in a child-friendly environment? Join MAT/PAT LEAVE MOMS/DADS and gather on the Church steps **Thursdays at 9:30am:** prepare for a leisurely walk around the grounds and campus, so carriers and strollers are welcomed. Bring your own baby!

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.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Any family hoping to enrol in Baptism Preparation Classes should contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org to register or receive more information. Please note that there have been changes to the program.

QUOTABLE POPE There is the tendency to place ourselves and our ambitions at the center of our lives. This is very human, but it is not Christian.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, September 28, 2014 \$15,840.38

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS RETURNS!

Since November we have been gathering in the sanctuary and reciting this ancient prayer of the church together. This is our prayer time as a community. Where the Liturgy of the Eucharist allows us to receive communion, the Liturgy of the Hours allows us to give praise – to give thanks, to give witness to God's grace in our lives, and to give voice to our needs, hopes and petitions as a community.

The Liturgy of the Hours has been said in monasteries, convents, and by religious, for many centuries. Since Vatican II, it has also become the liturgy for lay people. Said every day around the world, this form of liturgy basically answer's St. Paul's invitation for the church to pray "ceaselessly."

We recite psalms in a special cadence, alternating verses between the east and west choir stalls in the sanctuary. This affords us the opportunity to add our voice to that of our church, and at the same time to listen to the words as spoken by others so that our hearts can make their own sense of the poetry our eyes are reading.

Join us around the tabernacle in the Church at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings.

October 5 – 11, 2014

Sunday

- 9:00 – Tessie Dungca +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Mike Gregoire +
- 4:30 – Gazin family (liv.)

Monday

- 7:30 – Fr. Ken Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Fr. Dan Chi, CSB (liv.)

Tuesday – Our Lady of the Rosary

- 7:30 – Luisa Sivacoe (liv.)
- 12:10 – Anne Gregoire +
- 5:10 – Mary MacDonald +

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Brenda Duncombe +
- 12:10 – Francesco Domenichini +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Tessi Dungca +
- 12:10 – Samdai Rose Persad (liv.) & Basdai Ramkisoon (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Pascual Fernandes +
- 12:10 – Special Intentions of the Donor
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Carol Ann Schiavetto +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Don Alvaro, Mary Ricco, 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.



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