

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 - 8:00 pm
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

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!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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FORGIVENESS

by Lisa Fernandes

"To err is human, to forgive divine" as Alexander Pope wrote. Today's readings capture this difficult path we all have to travel. We want to be forgiven our human transgressions, as difficult as it is for us to forgive others. As in the first reading: *"Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray."* **(Sirach 28.2)**

Today's Gospel reading tells us more about forgiveness. The parable is about a slave whose debt is forgiven by his king but who does not "pay it forward" and show forgiveness to a fellow slave who is indebted to him but instead tortures him, and thus warns us: *"So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."* **(Matthew 18.35)**

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The difficulty of forgiveness is shown when Peter asks Jesus if seven times is enough to forgive his brother or sister and: *"Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'" (Matthew 18.22)*

Seven is a significant number in the Bible usually related to completeness and perfection (God rested on the seventh day after creating the heavens and earth, and seven pairs of clean animals went on the ark etc...) so this is not a literal counting but a lesson about the limitlessness of forgiveness. In the Old Testament, the number seven was more associated with revenge: *"Then the LORD said to him, 'Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.'" (Genesis 4.15)* while the New Testament has a contrasting emphasis on forgiveness.

God forgives us unconditionally; how can we aspire to do the same with others? We can start small. If someone cuts you off on the road, instead of road rage forgive them and give them the benefit of the doubt. Or if someone doesn't hold the door for you, give them a pass. Every week in Mass when we say the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to: *"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."* There are role models both religious and secular, such as Nelson Mandela who forgave and reconciled with those who had kept him captive.

As C.S. Lewis put it, *"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you"*.

SUNDAYS READINGS:
SIRACH 27.30-28.7
PSALM 103
ROMANS 14.7-9
MATTHEW 18.21-35



SERRA CLUB RECEPTION

The Downtown Toronto Serra Club invites you to a luncheon talk by Fr. David Reilander, Head of Catholic Missions of Canada. It will be held immediately following the 12:10 pm Mass on **Wednesday, September 20th** in Macrina Hall.

Fr. Reilander was ordained in 1986; what makes him especially unique is that in the past, he served in a number of remote areas of northern Canada, including Yellowknife. He can personally attest to the hardships and struggles faced by both the people and the priests in these areas which are serviced by Catholic Missions. He was appointed Director of Catholic Missions last year, trading his snowshoes for a briefcase.

We want to especially invite those of you who are not currently members to come and enjoy lunch and learn how the Serra Club is involved in praying for, and promoting, vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Please contact the Parish office by Monday, September 18, 2017, if you plan to attend so we can arrange catering.

Thank you!

ENROLLING CHILDREN AGES 3-9

Registration is open for The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program which begins Sunday, October 15th. Please note that the 10:30-11:30AM group is at capacity. The full schedule is available on the parish website. Please contact Mariann Dunsmore, the program coordinator at cgsMariann@gmail.com for more information or to register.

St. Basil's Atrium (3-6 year olds)

- Children meet weekly from 9:00-10:00am.

St. Basil's Atrium (6-9 year olds)

- Children meet weekly from 11:30am- 12:30pm in the Atrium and then proceed together to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the larger parish community (12:30-1:00pm).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In observance of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, there will be a special blessing for any pets on **Saturday, September 30th, at 10:00AM**. Be sure to join us with your furry friends outside the east doors of the church for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

R.C.I.A. AT ST. BASIL'S

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (known as 'R.C.I.A') is a very special and intensive program designed for adults over the age of eighteen seeking reception into the Roman Catholic Church, or for baptized Catholics looking to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice. At St. Basil's, our R.C.I.A. program runs for nearly 30 weeks and explores a variety of topics dealing with the sacramental life and real-world discipleship. Our program draws in an exciting line-up of speakers from the Toronto School of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, and Basilian Fathers.

Whether you are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and convert to Roman Catholicism, or you are already a long-time fully-initiated Roman Catholic, come and discover the Catholic faith anew!

If you are interested in learning more about the R.C.I.A. program, please contact Jessica, the Coordinator of the program for more information. She can be reached at rcia@stbasiltoronto.org

ST. BASIL'S 161ST ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, marking the end of the 160th anniversary celebrations for St. Basil's.

A special thank you goes out to all those who volunteered during special events and celebrations over the course of the last twelve months. We would not have been able to do it without you.

THANK YOU!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 10, 2017 \$ 5,693.15



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 10TH - 16TH

SUNDAY 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Maria Myung and Family (liv.)
10:30am Pro Populo
12:00pm Frank, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)
4:30pm

MONDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Lena Dorff (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Luigi Brandolini (+)
12:10pm Kathleen Mary Angus (+)

WEDNESDAY St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong

7:30am Paul Cachia (+)
12:10pm John and Thomas Cox (+,+)

THURSDAY St. Matthew

7:30am
12:10pm Kathleen Mary Angus (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Gilda I. Coloquio (+)
12:10pm Marie-Christine Godlewski (+)

SATURDAY St. Pius of Pietrelcina

5:00pm Hermina Sertic (+)

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, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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