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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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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

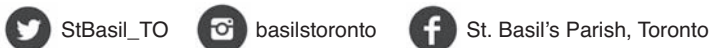
Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



St. Basil's Parish is 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 discreetly 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. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Michael Pirri

LET YOUR FACE SHINE UPON YOUR SERVANT

By Lucinda M. Vardey

Today's readings perfectly complement the canonization in Rome of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

We can look to many saints in our Church and see how their love of Jesus inspired them to act and serve him in others. What we have in the example of Mother Teresa is a way of living the gospel in a very maternal way. Mother spoke the gospel in her actions, and like Jesus, she explained them well in words. Her wisdom combined the leadership of being a teacher with the heart of being a mother.

Mother Teresa is a gift to us because she brought Jesus alive in those she served and reminded us what true faith in God, and real love of Jesus, can accomplish. She supplied us with an example of

doing small everyday things with great love and she reminded us that this is how we can live the gospel: that it is in these simple actions that the world is indeed changed.

One person loved at a time: one person noticed, acknowledged, seen, heard and welcomed at a time. And she emphasized that the person we would like to avoid is “Christ in his distressing disguise.”

We can never know the weight of crosses that others carry: we discovered after Mother Teresa’s death that hers was much heavier than perceived.

Not only did she serve the Lord through physical hardships, her faith was being consistently tested by a lack of spiritual consolation. The fact that no one was aware of her internal suffering shows her closeness to the abandonment of her Lord upon the cross.

She was Jesus’ disciple in embracing the Beatitudes. She renounced herself to do his work on earth. She brought peace to the suffering, hope to the despairing, joy to the sad. And now we welcome her into the communion of saints.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta help us to continue to relieve the poverty of others by our acts of kindness. Pray that we may remember that it is in the little things we can serve God the most.

Sunday’s Readings:
Wisdom 9.13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14.25-33

BULLETIN

We will now resume weekly publication of our parish bulletin.

Please remember to take a bulletin home with you after Mass to stay in touch with parish and wider University of St. Michael’s College community events.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you have a child who is at least seven years old and you would like to register them for our ***First Communion preparation class*** run in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium. The program will be approximately eight weeks in length beginning in Advent. For more information, please contact Emily. She can be reached at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca, or 416-926-7110 x3210.

SAVE THE DATE

Taken from the *Toronto Mirror*, Friday, September 19, 1856: “On Saturday last, the 14th instant, an important event occurred in our civic history, the opening of one of the finest collegiate churches in North America, destined...to be a haven of the Faith whence the angelic messengers of God will go...” (excerpt from Hoskin’s *History of St. Basil’s*)

Celebrating our 160th anniversary on Wednesday, September 14 (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross), all parishioners are invited to attend a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. George Smith, CSB, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers presiding. Mass will begin at 7:00pm. More details to follow shortly.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT ORGANIST

Michael Pirri is incoming Assistant Organist of Saint Basil’s Catholic Parish. Previous holder of Organ Scholar postings at the Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, London (2011-2014) and Saint Anne’s Anglican Church, Toronto (2014-2016), Michael has dedicated himself to studies in church music and the organ since 2009. He is the Chair of the Toronto chapter of the Royal School of Church Music Canada, and has served on the nationwide Executive Board of the same institution since 2012.

Welcome to the St. Basil’s Parish community, Michael!

As we make the transition from Summer to Fall, and as people return after time away; I wanted to take a moment to update everyone on where we stand with regards to our two Archdiocesan Fundraising Campaigns:

FAMILY OF FAITH

I cannot express my gratitude enough. To date, we have raised \$636,000! We are well over our commitment and goal of \$530,000. It is also good to know that since many of you gave without pledges, the Archdiocese already has \$525,928 in hand. You will notice that the Archdiocesan website has not been updated, but they are in the process of doing so. As they only update the site twice a year, any donations received after June 30, 2016 will not be reflected online, but they certainly count! Again, thank you for all that you have done!

SHARE LIFE

Again, there is so much gratitude to express. To date, we have raised \$90,000 – well over our \$69,000 goal and \$74,490 total from last year!

Thank you for your unbelievable generosity towards the Archdiocese. Stay tuned for the next updates concerning our own parish work!

UPDATING THE 'PEOPLE IN THE PEWS'

We are getting some great stories from the pews, but we are still looking for many more! We have created a link off our website homepage to give you some help.

In short, we simply want to know what brings you to your pew? Why do you come here? What are you praying for? What are you struggling with? What brings you joy? Why is St. Basil's a part of your life?

Remember, we are looking for 200-250 words and a photo that is not too small!

All entries are sent to Fr. Chris at chris.valka@utoronto.ca.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, August 28, 2016 \$5,386.15



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 4th - 10th

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|---|---|
| Sunday
9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-
4:30pm- | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Demkovsky Family (liv.)
Pro Populo
Mike Gregoire (+)
Patrick & Nancy Yeung |
| Monday
9:00am- | Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Labour Day
<i>*There will only be a 9:00am Mass
with no confessions today.</i> |
| Tuesday
7:30am-
12:10pm- | Pro Populo
George Thompson (+) |
| Wednesday
7:30am-
12:10pm- | Thalheimer Family (liv.)
Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) |
| Thursday
7:30am-
12:10pm- | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Pro Populo
Frank Gregoire & Anne Gregoire (+),
Eliseo Magtoto (+), and Maria de Luz (+) |
| Friday
7:30am-
12:10pm- | Jude Belgrave (+)
Go Tiesiem (+) |
| Saturday
5:00pm- | Lola & Joseph MacNeil (+) |

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Gerald Guest, Steve Paijie, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro and Marina Kazakias.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED Joseph Boyle, and Gerald Guest.

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