

HOLY WEEK

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the
main office for details.

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

THE SON OF GOD

By M.J. Santa Ana

Who do you say that Jesus is?

One might say He is a great moral teacher. Another might say, He was a champion of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized. Still yet, others may see him as a historical figure you hear about all the time but are not sure how relevant He is to your life. Every Sunday during the Creed, we say He is the only Son of God and our Lord. To the Sanhedrin, He was a blasphemer because he claimed to be Son of God. Therefore, the identity of Jesus – whether He is who he claims to be – is central to the events of the Passion and thus to our faith.

The meaning of the words we habitually recite were the reason He was killed. When asked by Caiaphas if He is the Son of God, Jesus answers in the affirmative, and this is what causes the Sanhedrin to declare Him deserving of death since to them, He had committed the ultimate blasphemy – claiming equality with God. In officially condemning the innocent Jesus to crucifixion to acquiesce the chief priests and the

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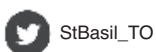
Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.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

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:

(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)

Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)



crowds, Pontius Pilate implicitly agrees that Jesus' claim to divinity is enough to consider Him a threat to his "god" - the power and control of the Roman Empire.

We have two very stark choices as to how we will relate to Jesus. One choice is to accept His claim, and align our entire lives – our actions, dreams, hopes, attitudes – with His will. The other choice is to deny His claim, and like Pilate and the Sanhedrin, live according to another standard we see fit. He was not crucified for being a great moral teacher, or important historical figure.

As we approach the Easter Triduum, it seems helpful to ponder for ourselves the question of who Jesus is to us – everything else important flows from our personal conviction about who He is.

Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-7

Philippians 2.6-11

Matthew 26.14-27.66

TENEBRAE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00pm
Saint Basil's Catholic Parish

Latin for *shadows* or *darkness*, the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated in the early morning hours of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

The evening will feature a condensed version of the three day service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher in the beginning of the Triduum. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the service for those interested. Contact JP Farahat at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca for more information.

WAY OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, **April 14, starting from the Newman Center (89 St. George Street) at 10:30am** ending at 12:30pm at St. Basil's Church. For any questions, please email secretary@clonline.ca.

Pray the Easter Sequence!

The "Sequence" is a special sung prayer which comes before the Gospel on important feast days. Most of the Sequence prayers are almost 1000 years old! The Sequence for Easter Sunday is called "Victimae Paschali Laudes" or, "Praise the Paschal Victim", and we will be singing it before the Gospel at all Masses next week for Easter Sunday.

We are all invited to join our voices in singing this beautiful prayer as a community of believers. If you wish to practice beforehand, the words and music can be found in the "We Celebrate" hymnal at number 601. You can hear it sung at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biToVp-wMWgw>, along with the text.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT

On **Monday, May 15 at 7:00pm**, Cardinal Gerhard Muller (Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) will present on Conscience Rights in a Faith Context: A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Death.

The evening will begin with prayer followed by the **keynote address at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street). This event is free and open to the public.

THE CHURCH & CONTEMPORARY ART LECTURE

The annual Christianity and Arts Lecture will be presented on **Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm** by Bishop Paul Tighe (Adjunct Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome).

Bishop Tighe will speak on the Church and contemporary art. The lecture (to be held in the **Muzzo Family Alumni Hall- Room 400, 121 St. Joseph Street**) will be followed by a reception to celebrate Fr. Daniel Donovan's 80th birthday. Free and open to the public; kindly RSVP on the USMC website or by calling 416-926-2251.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Are you looking for time away from the frenzy of everyday life? Do you need time to relax, to reflect, to pray and to learn, and perhaps for the first time, to enjoy silence? The retreat is titled **“Resurrectionis Gaudium! Living the Joy of the Resurrection!”** On Easter Sunday, Jesus comes to the disciples bringing healing, forgiveness, and mercy. This encounter with Jesus, alive beyond death, transforms the hearts of the disciples, releasing them from fear and filling them with profound joy- a joy they wish to share with the whole world. Easter joy is the very foundation of our faith. Come and meet the risen Jesus for yourself, and learn to live your Easter joy every day. **Facilitated by Jesuit Scholastics and Fr. Gilles Mongeau, S.J.** **This retreat begins on Friday, April 28 and ends on Sunday, May 30.** The suggested offering is \$185.00 per person (which includes meals and accommodation at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering). For more information or to register, please visit pickmanresa@rogers.com or call 905-839-2864.

FATHER CHRIS' FAREWELL RECEPTION

The Parish council, in consultation with the pastoral team, has devised a three-fold plan to acknowledge and celebrate Fr. Chris' term as Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30pm-** the date and time of Fr. Chris' Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception in our newly renovated parish hall. This reception will be a pot luck- so any culinary contributions are most appreciated. You can state what you plan on contributing as we get closer to this goodbye event.

Secondly, recognizing the significant work our parish is now completing in its 160th anniversary year, council is preparing a small book to record these changes and our transformation as a community. Kindly reach out to council members (via the parish office) if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions for raw material to include in the keepsake book. Finally, the third element of the plan involves a token of our appreciation. Fr. Chris had already planned on a trip to Italy in mid-June for retreat and renewal before assuming his new duties at St. Thomas University. Parish council has decided on behalf of all of us at St. Basil's to make a cash donation from our current operating account to help Fr. Chris cover his travel expenses. Please stay tuned for more details as June quickly approaches. Thank you!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, April 2, 2017 \$7,963.40



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 9th - 15th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Cleofas C Buenafe (+) Pro Populo Julieta Villalobos (+) Sally Lianko (liv.) and family
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Mrs. Katulski (+) and Marja Hutchison (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	James Bookman (+)
Thursday 7:30pm-	Holy Thursday No Intentions
Friday 3:00pm-	Good Friday No Intentions
Saturday 8:00pm-	Easter Vigil No Intentions

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Jack Gervais, Sue Lockwood, and Barbara MacMahon-Firestone.

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