

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

A Reversal of Expectations

Emily VanBerkum

Today's readings are very much in keeping with the spirit of the Easter season, by inviting us to continue to reverse our expectations. Eastertide is all about letting go of what we thought we knew and embracing possibilities of what could be. Who could have imagined that the saviour of the world would die a painful death on a lowly cross? Who could have imagined that instead of saving himself and coming down from the cross, Jesus resurrected days later and humbly appeared to one of his closest female disciples? To me, the whole Easter narrative, that continues now in its fourth week, is all about reimagining our relationship with Christ.

In the first reading, we discover that Peter has been imprisoned for preaching the resurrection of Christ. In his impassioned speech to the high priests and rulers in Jerusalem, Peter claims that Christ, "the stone rejected by the builders" has in fact now become "the cornerstone." A vital component of the building's design, the discarded stone is realized to be the necessary piece that brings the building to its perfect completion.

Discarded by the high priests and rulers, Jesus was not the likely hoped-for Messiah to bring about the Kingdom of God. But through a miraculous reversal in expectations, Christ fulfilled his promise by bringing about salvation for all.

Moreover, the Gospel image of Christ as the Good Shepherd, lovingly tending to his flock, is one that resonates with me. We might be tempted to view Christ as a mighty King, but a shepherd caring for his flock to the point of laying down his life to protect them, is a very down-to-earth imagining of the kind of relationship Christ desires to have with us. In the Gospel we hear the phrase, "I know my own and my own know me." To me, this phrase signifies a relationship of mutuality between us and Christ that rejects harmful expectations of what we plan or imagine for ourselves- what we thought would, could, or should be. Instead, the Gospel message is a sign to us that Christ knows us and accepts us just as we are. Let us not place demands on our relationship with Christ but allow Him to encounter us in the reverse of our expectations. Sometimes it could be the most unlikely of places in our spiritual journey. Embrace the possibilities of a relationship with Christ not of our own, but of God's design!

Readings: Acts 4.7-12, 1 John 3.1-2, John 10.11-18

OFFERTORY

Sunday, April 19, 2015	\$ 5,207.91
Community Capital Fund	\$ 2,960.00

Basil's Book Club

We are onto our next book study! But this won't be just any book study...

All are welcome to join us in our discussion on *Community: the Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block. If you are interested in participating, stay tuned for further details in the bulletin.

Get ready to prepare for and participate in the great feast of Pentecost near the May 24th weekend!

TV MASS LEAVING ST. BASIL'S LOCATION

After seven years at St. Basil, the televised Mass will be moving at the end of June or early July to the chapel at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School in North York.

This is not an unexpected change. Over the past few months, I have been in discussions with the National Catholic Broadcasting Council both about the upcoming work on our building, and how the company's film schedule can better work with the life of our parish.

The reality has been that the demands of TV production are difficult to accommodate in an active parish. In our case, what is clear is that the more active our parish has become, the more difficult are the accommodations in schedule and space-management for this very important TV ministry.

As a community, we are very proud of having hosted this Mass, which reaches many in need across the country. While I think we will all feel some sadness that St. Basil will no longer be associated with this national broadcast, there are other issues to keep in perspective:

First, the shift in venue will ease the coordination of activity both in the church and space in the parish hall while also allowing us to continue restoration of the sanctuary, highlighting its focus as the central-point of our community life as a parish.

Second, this move allows us as a parish to engage in an overdue conversation about the 5:10pm mass, and other spiritual, social, artistic, and prayerful possibilities for weekday evening ministries.

Since St. Basil's has hosted the TV Mass without any financial requirements, this change does not have a negative financial impact on the parish.

Like any change, there are aspects of what has been that I will miss; however, I am also excited about the flexibility that has now been created for new ministries to our community.

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I am also excited for the TV Mass as they move into a new home free from the demands of parish responsibilities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am quite happy to discuss them with you.

Fr. Chris



April 26 – May 2, 2015

Sunday

- 9:00 – Barbara Ann Peterson +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Mary Le Noir and Hugh Kieran +,+
- 4:30 – Hermogenes Hinampas +

Monday

- 7:30 – Arturo Gutierrez Ortiz +
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Carol Yip and Christine Yeung (liv.)

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Tomo & Teresa Vidovic +
- 5:10 – Katrina Teh (liv.)

Wednesday – St. Catherine of Sienna

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Secondo Pontarollo +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Marco Mauro +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – Jay Pillo +
- 12:10 – Marjorie Flood +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday – St. Athanasius

- 5:00 – Sumintra Gangasingh & Jocelyn Weeks +,+

USMC HAS A NEW PRESIDENT!

The Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. David Mulroney** (7T8), as the 7th President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St. Michael's College (USMC). His appointment was made by The Very Rev. George Smith, C.S.B., the Superior General of the Basilian Congregation upon the recommendation by the Collegium at a Special Meeting held on January 28, 2015. Mr. Mulroney, who officially takes up his duties July 1, 2015, succeeds Professor Anne Anderson, C.S.J., who served with distinction as President from 2008-2015 and is the first woman to have held that office.

Let us pray for Mr. Mulroney as he continues the Basilian Catholic traditions of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge on our campus.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW VIDEO!

St. Basil's has a new promotional video. We encourage you to check it out on our website under the "About Us" section or on YouTube until the title "St. Basil's Catholic Parish: Goodness, Discipline & Knowledge"

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QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

We need to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family.


PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoretta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.

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