

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: Nancy Sicsic
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

Learning to Walk on Water
Leanna Capiello

If you had been in Peter's position, would you have walked out on the water to meet Jesus?

Each Disciple struggled in his own way to "follow". Jesus didn't just demand a maybesomeday, half-hearted kind of following, but a fully-engaged, all-consuming kind of following.

It's easy to criticize the Peter for fearing Jesus' call when we have the advantage of retrospect. We can read about what the Lord can do with someone who gives everything up for His sake. We look back and shake our heads at Peter when he is in doubt, *Why don't you just trust him and walk?* But deep down, we know it's not that easy. We each have our own struggles with trusting Jesus, and they don't all resemble walking on water.

Even though we know (mentally) that we can trust in the Lord, we still have not grasped (emotionally) that we can trust in the Lord. Recall a moment of surrender of your own: waiting for that phone call, letting go of a breakup, not knowing if you'll pass a class, finding out you or a loved one is ill, wondering where your life will go when school is over...

These are real human moments we share.

God calls us out of ourselves in these moments: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." He knows that we fear. But He asks that we don't let fear stand in our way of getting to Him. To follow a radical, we must adopt a radical attitude and jump in with both feet. During these moments of pain and uncertainty, God encourages us to surrender, turn to Him, make running leap toward Him. When we hear "surrender," we often think of giving up. We may think it's a synonym for oppression or submission; that suddenly letting go might compromise what we really want.

Like Peter, we all resemble children who do not know how to swim. We don't trust our Father to catch us if we drown. Whenever life presents uncertain or daunting situations, imagine Christ at the other end of the water with a knowing smile on His face. Throwing yourself into the arms of the one who wants the best for you is ultimately liberating. Jesus compels us to make a choice. When you leap, remember that boldness is rewarded.

Today's readings: Isaiah 55.1-3, Romans 8.35, 37-39, Matthew 14.13-21

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, July 27, 2014 \$4,711.97

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

For those with severe allergies, we now have gluten-free hosts available. To receive the Eucharist in this manner, please identify yourself to the presider just before Mass begins and then receive the Eucharist from his communion line.

Catholic Family Services & Funeral Services-

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 7:00PM. All are welcome to this event. For more information regarding locations please contact the nearest cemetery office or the central business office at (416) 733- 8544 or 1-800-974-4619 or visit their website at catholic-cemeteries.com.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

We now have special headsets for those with hearing difficulties. Two types are available: one that utilizes a "T switch" on an existing hearing aide; and another for those without hearing aides of any kind. If you would like to use these devices, please stop by the main office before Mass with a piece of ID. We will keep the ID while you have the device. It is recommended that you sit in the centre aisles anywhere in the church. The volume of the device is controlled by a large dial on the front. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Chris or the person working in the main office.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

When one lives attached to money, pride or power, it is impossible to be truly happy.

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. BASIL'S?

Be sure to check out our website (<http://stbasiltoronto.org>) for all the ways in which you can support St. Basil's Church. Feel free to contact Fr. Chris with any questions.

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday August 24th, 2014.

A PRAYER FOR THE END TO CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

We pray for Christians suffering persecution throughout the world and in a special way, we pray for Christians in Mosul and other places in the Middle East.

We pray for an end to violence and war in the Middle East and in other areas of conflict around the world.

We pray for the souls of all those who have died as a result of the violence, and for their families, and their loved ones.

AUGUST 10, 2014

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PICNIC



August 10 – 16, 2014

Sunday

- 9:00 – Theresa Maher (liv.)
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Soledad Valdez +

Monday – St. Clare

- 7:30 – Fr. Dan Donovan (liv.)
- 12:10 – Mary Gannon +
- 5:10 – John, Raye, Joey & Karen Krzyaewski
+,+,+,+

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Fr. Dan Donovan (liv.)
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Community of Verbum Dei

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Thalheimer family
- 12:10 – Frank Burns +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday – St. Maximilian Kolbe

- 7:30 – Kevin Goddard +
- 12:10 – Special Intention of Donor
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

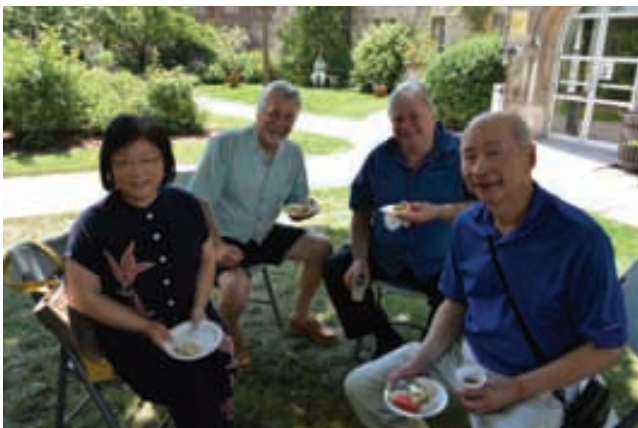
- 7:30 – Margaret O’Gara +
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday


- 5:00 – Michael Rodrigues +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, Janet Ritch, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Helena Andruszszyn, Tessa Gayapersad, Hsieh Tang Pan Wong and Patrick MacMahon Maingot.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Olinda Rebello



A lovely time was had by all at our recent Volunteer Thank-you Picnic



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