

# 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 - 8:30pm)  
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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

## 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.



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St. Basil's Church, Toronto

St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

**For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.**

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 pm

NOTE: No 5:10 pm Mass Weekdays  
from June 1 - Labour Day

## LANGUAGE MATTERS

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

In our Gospel this weekend, we come to the end of John's account of Jesus' teaching on the "Bread of Life." We are reminded that language is so very important. Just as the words of Jesus bring life to those who heard them; so too do the words of consecration transform bread into the very presence of Christ.

"Words create worlds," Rabbi Abraham Heschel once wrote. Now Bishop-Elect Robert Barron speaks about the words we hear when the sacraments are celebrated in this way: If a person in the stands of a sporting event says a player has fouled, it doesn't change the game; however, if a referee says this, it does.

Some words have more authority than others, because of who says them and their circumstance. This is especially true when we celebrate Mass together.

And yet, there is another instance I have noticed where language matters. Think for a moment about how you talk about your own presence at

Mass. For example, I know many people who say, "I am going to Mass," but this language betrays us. Mass is not something you simply attend; it is something we celebrate.

Language matters.

In today's Gospel, we hear that many people could not accept the words Jesus spoke – and so they left. It must have been difficult for Jesus. . . to teach and have those teachings rejected by people who he would have presumably grown to know. However, in this Gospel account, it is Peter's words that resonate: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Notice the subtlety: it is not where, but to whom shall we go? Peter's confession reminds us our faith is not in a place or an idea, but a person.

Language matters.

*Today's Readings:*

*Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b*

*Ephesians 4.32-5.1-2, 21-32*

*John 6.53-60-69*

### PLASTIC BAGS WANTED

A parishioner is working on a project to make sleeping mats for Toronto's homeless. Each sleeping mat takes 400 plastic bags (any size, shape, colour or condition) to make, so whatever we bring in would greatly contribute to this project!

If you're interested in helping with this project, please bring your plastic bags to an attendant in the parish office.

This project is ongoing, so bags will be gratefully accepted until otherwise noted. Thank you!

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, August 16, 2015	\$5,617.06
<i>Special Collection</i>	\$1,804.90

### NATIVITY SETS WANTED

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is in need of 3 Nativity sets.

The set should be made of a child friendly material- no fragile ceramic please. The figures can be painted or of a natural wood colour.

We are especially interested in sets that include more than one shepherd and a baby Jesus that are NOT attached to the manger.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child in Grade 2 or 8 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then please contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) or call the parish office for more details.

Both programs begin in January (the exact date and time of both classes has yet to be determined). Each program meets for one hour - students with Emily and our team of catechists; and parents with Fr. Chris.

The actual First Communions and Confirmations will occur in the weeks following Easter.

### ORGAN CONCERT: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 at 7:30pm

Director of Music & Principal Organist John Paul Farahat presents a concert of solo organ works by proponents of Paris' musical life. The programme will center on French contemporary and romantic music by Widor, Duruflé, Escaich, and Tournemire, culminating with Louis Vierne's complete Symphonie no. 3.

Concert is in the main church, admission is free, and donations will be directed towards the maintenance and restoration of the St. Basil's organ.

All are welcome!

## R.C.I.A IS FOR EVERYBODY!

*Are you looking to become a fully initiated  
Roman Catholic?*

*Are you interested in learning more about the  
Catholic faith?*

*Do you like hearing guest speakers and  
participating in lively group discussion?*

If so, then you should consider attending the R.C.I.A program when it begins on October 14, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Although the program, known as 'Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults' (R.C.I.A), is designed to welcome new members into Roman Catholicism, the program showcases the best of what our parish and the University of St. Michael's College community can offer.

Each week, we begin with evening prayer in the sanctuary, then we move downstairs into the parish hall where we listen to Basilian Fathers, students and professors of the Faculty of Theology, and parishioners present on topics such as Christology, the Sacraments, the history of Christianity, major Catholic documents, thinkers, and councils, as well as Eco-theology, and much, much more.

In the coming weeks, you'll read testimonials of parishioners who attended R.C.I.A and got something out of it. R.C.I.A at our parish is a learning environment that fosters friendships and an awakening of one's faith life.

If you would like more information about this program, contact Emily at 416-926-7110 or [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

## FAMILY MASS

On Sunday, August 30 at 12:00pm, we'll be celebrating a Family Mass. Fr. Chris will prepare a special homily and a new children's choir will make its debut. All are welcome!

## SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer months, the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be released on Sunday, September 6.



## MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 23rd- AUGUST 29th

### Sunday

9:00- Dely Teh  
10:30- the People  
12:00- Christine Wieland (+)  
4:30- Giuseppe Dara (+)

### Monday

7:30am- Katrina Teh  
12:10pm- Rene Bercasio (+)

### Tuesday

7:30am- Souls in Purgatory  
12:10pm- Kathleen Davis (+)

### Wednesday

7:30am- Katrina Teh  
12:10pm- Wilfred Goddard (+)

### Thursday

7:30am- Kathleen Kelly (liv.)  
12:10pm- John Willie and Sara Morrison (iv.)

### Friday

7:30am- Christina Tancuan (+)  
12:10pm- John MacKenzie (+)

### Saturday

5:00pm- Gabriella Gombosh and deceased family

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, and Greg Rath.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Myra Flannigan.



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