

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 Cappiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

"SEEING THINGS WHOLE"

John Dalla Costa

One of the qualities which drew people to Jesus, and which so threatened others, was his double vision. Where others saw lepers, Jesus saw persons. Where others saw a blind man, Jesus saw one who could see the truth. Where others saw a Centurion or Samaritan, Jesus saw exemplars of that rare integrity to live spiritual faith in concrete action.

That gift of seeing the whole person features again in today's gospel, as Jesus bestows the keys to his heavenly kingdom to Peter.

As the scriptural scholar Raymond Brown pointed out, Matthew's gospel tells the story of Jesus with a unique emphasis on the formation of the church. Peter plays a large and not always laudable part in Matthew's narrative: he is the truth teller who lies about knowing Christ; the one who declares Jesus as Messiah, yet whom Jesus later rebukes for thinking like Satan; the impulsive believer who jumps overboard to walk like Jesus on water, only to sink and nearly drown because of his fears and doubts.

Despite these abundant flaws, foibles and failures, Jesus sees Peter in ways that Peter himself has yet to fathom. The Holy Spirit will at Pentecost animate that latent greatness. But what qualifies Peter to be chosen by Jesus as the rock on which the church will be built is Peter's answer to the question about Jesus' identity.

In seeing and recognizing Jesus Peter begins to discover the truth about himself. Church was born here, not as an act of domination or empire-building, but as one in which participation in the wholeness of Jesus begins to reveal the authentic wholeness of Peter.

Today's readings: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23, Romans 11.33-36, Matthew 16.13-20

Basil's Book Club

St Basil's is hosting a Book Club! Membership is \$30 each month, which will cover the book purchase, and snacks for our discussion group. **Our first book will be *The Holy Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser.** All ages encouraged. Proceeds will go toward the Community Capital fund. The books will be sold in the vestibule on Sunday, September 7th. Stay tuned for details on our first discussion. You won't want to miss out!



Local artists and Basil's parishioners will be joining forces for a collaborative community arts night. Join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 6th: 6:00-7:00pm Visual Arts Exhibit 7:00-8:30 p.m. Poetic and Musical Collaboration. Admission is by donation. All proceeds will go toward to Community Capital Fund.

Mat/Pat-Leave Moms/Dads

Are you on Maternity or Paternity Leave? Want a chance to connect with other parents in a child-friendly environment? Join MAT/PAT LEAVE MOMS/DADS starting on Thursday, August 28th. Gather on the Church steps at 9:30am: prepare for a leisurely walk around the grounds and campus, so carriers and strollers are welcomed. Bring your own baby!

LABOUR DAY IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 there will be one Mass at 9:00 a.m. and no confessions. The parish office will be closed.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Sunday, September 7th, is the John Ford First Sunday Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

It is by God's mercy that we are saved. May we never tire of spreading this joyful message to the world.

Our Director of Music and Principal Organist, JP Farahat, recently returned from performing a solo-organ concert at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to tour and be an ambassador for our parish!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD @ ST. BASIL'S

The CLOW program will begin on **Sunday, October 5, 2014**, at the **10:30am mass** in the church hall. The program has three age groups (3-5, 6-8 and 9-12).

If you would like your child(ren) to attend these classes **there is a \$5.00 administration fee/child and one parent must volunteer with the program.**

Registration forms are available from the church office and online under Children's Lit.

The administration fee is to be paid by cheque, payable to St. Basil's church, indicating in the memo area "CLOW program" **and attached to the completed registration form(s)** being returned to the church office.

There will be **2 orientation meetings** for the program offered during the month of **September**. If you would like more information about the program or are a member of the congregation interested in volunteering with the CLOW program, please contact Ann Schnurr by email at ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca

ST. BASIL'S CHOIR

Choirs start-up: our choirs will be resuming their Sunday duties on September 7. If you are interested in joining (especially men!), please contact JP Farahat, our Director of Music, to discuss the possibilities; you can alternatively leave your contact information with the main office.

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday, September 7th 2014. Regular weekly bulletins will continue after this Sunday.

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.

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

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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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| Sunday, August 3, 2014 | \$5,278.83 |
| Sunday, August 10, 2014 | \$5,221.98 |
| Catholic Missions & S.F.M. | \$1,694.22 |
| Sunday, August 17, 2014 | \$5,087.75 |



August 24th – 30th, 2014

Sunday

- 9:00 – Robert G. Vincent +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Matos and Martins Families
- 4:30 – Rene Bercasio +

Monday

- 7:30 – Annunziata & Vincenzo Dienzo +,+
- 12:10 – Gerard Grace +
- 5:10 – Fr. Murray C. Farwell +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Jigie P. Cacalda (liv.)
- 12:10 – Gerard Grace +
- 5:10 – Romano Fabris +

Wednesday – St. Monica

- 7:30 – Milo Miguel, Joseph Padilla & family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Mr. Stefan and Mrs. Anna Papez +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday – St. Augustine

- 7:30 – Donna Higgins +
- 12:10 – Marian Kerr +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – The Passion of St. John the Baptist


- 7:30 – Adelina, Maximo Castro (liv.)
- 12:10 – David Bobb +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – John Fernandes +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, 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.

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