

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)
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

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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St. Basil's Parish is home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to discreetly 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!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

PROMPT, PROVIDE, PROMISE

By Leanna Cappiello

Three things that Jesus said in the Gospel stood out to me. He first prompts us to consider what we love most; He then provides comfort for us when we lose sight of those things; And finally, He promises us great joy in the time to come.

Jesus immediately prompts us when He says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It's almost as if he's looking at me and earnestly asking, What do you value most, Leanna? What is it that captures you? What do you love the best; what do you think about most often? In my heart of hearts, what I desire most is quality family time, provocative conversation, surprising adventures, authentic laughter, good art. We all have the things we strive to experience, and serve and honour others, to live in the spirit of God.

But I confess that I sometimes allow fear to infiltrate my heart of hearts. It's a familiar feeling for us all: a fear of losing something you care deeply about. It's only natural to feel this way when we are business

owners, students, law enforcement officers, not-for-profit workers, parents, spouses... anyone with responsibility, investments, or something to lose, feels this occasionally (if not often).

It is normal to have fear creep in. But fear has its place as an occasional visitor, not a permanent resident. If we allow fear to remain in us, it becomes the 'treasure' where our hearts lie instead of what we love most. It can happen without us even realizing it. Soon, our hearts will be transformed into places of worry, regret or defensiveness, rather than openness, delight, excitement, awe.

In these times we allow fear to stay passed its welcome, Jesus provides comfort for us, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." It's as if He's saying, Don't worry, I will take care of you. I am with you.

In fact, He promises "an unfailing treasure in Heaven awaits"! To be free of fear that can overtake our hearts, this is when we can truly surrender and entrust our hearts to Jesus. In his promises to us, that fear is finite and his love is eternal! If He holds our hearts, He will prompt us, provide for us, and promise us, and we have nothing to fear for long.

Sunday's Readings:
Wisdom 18.6-9
Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-19
Luke 12.32-48

**THANK YOU FROM
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*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
~Luke 12.34*

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his beloved flock to treasure the riches of the kingdom of God. Jesus implies that to care for the other and share what we have on earth will be richly rewarded in God's heavenly Kingdom.

This message is especially fitting today as we celebrate the John Ford First Sunday food drive collection. Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity of spirit and hearts stirred into action is a real *treasure* to our community.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
ATRIUM HOURS**

Are you certified in Level 1 or Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If so, we want you to be part of the St Basil's Catechist team when we begin our programs in early Fall!

When open, our weekly Atrium sessions will run as follows:

Sundays, 9:45-11:00am (children ages 3-6)
& 11:15-12:30pm (First Communion Class)

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Leanna: leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you have a child who is at least seven years old and you would like to register them for our **First Communion preparation class** run in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, please contact Emily for more details. She can be reached at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca, or 416-926-7110 x3210.

SHAKESPEARE IN HIGH PARK

As part our "Summer Nostalgia Series", St Basil's Parish presents a night out in High Park for a performance of Hamlet, one of Shakespeare's classic tragedies. On **Tuesday, August 9** between 6:45 – 7:00pm Geraldine Ymana & Raphael Borja will be waiting outside High Park Subway Station to pick up attendees and guide them to the theatre. Leanna Cappiello will be awaiting your arrival and reserving seats for the group. The performance begins promptly at 8:00pm and is a pay-what-you-can event, with a suggested donation of \$20 to support the Canadian Stage Theatre group.

Directions can be found online or by contacting Leanna for more information: leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

SAVE THE DATE

Taken from the *Toronto Mirror*, Friday, September 19, 1856: "On Saturday last, the 14th instant, an important event occurred in our civic history, the opening of one of the finest collegiate churches in North America, destined...to be a haven of the Faith whence the angelic messengers of God will go..." (excerpt from Hoskin's *History of St. Basil's*)

Celebrating our 160th anniversary on Wednesday, September 14 (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross), all parishioners are invited to attend a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. George Smith, CSB, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers presiding. Mass will begin at 7:00pm. Details to follow.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS!

In these slower days of summer, our construction crew has been very busy in our spaces downstairs. I am happy to report that demolition is now complete and that no serious issues were found. Praise be to God that our ancestors were incredibly thoughtful when they constructed this building, and we are taking every measure to continue this tradition. Over the past month, we have taken some extra time to consult with structural engineers and historical experts to ensure that this project preserves all of the important aspects of the building, especially while we can see the "bones" of the structure. In the next week or two, we will begin new construction as designed. (Again, you can see those designs at <http://stbasiltoronto.org/building-improvements/>). We are being told that the parish hall space will be available mid-late September and the South Hall space will be available mid-late October.

In the church, we will be installing new ceiling fans in the next week or two. After a great deal of consultation, we are installing these fans in hopes that they will help keep the building cooler in the summer and save energy in the winter. While we are still waiting to receive clearance from the historical society for air conditioning, it will be very interesting for all of us to see how these fans perform in the tail end of the summer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 31, 2016 \$5,540.30



MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 7th - 13th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Anne Gregoire (+) Pro Populo Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) Howard Shaugnessy (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Dominic Pro Populo Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Pro Populo Antonietta Ciavarella (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Lawrence Pro Populo Stefan & Anna Papez and James Robert Crilly (+,+,+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Clare Pro Populo Mary Gannon (+), and Dane & Anne McCarthy (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Pro Populo Sasha Hall (liv.)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saints Pontian and Hippolytus Hermina Sertich (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Gerald Guest, Steve Pajjie, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, and Simon Evans.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Frank Rodrigues.

*If you would like to have a name added to our prayers for the sick or deceased, please contact the parish office.

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