

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:	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

IN THESE DARK NIGHTS

Lucinda M. Vardey

If it weren't a Sunday, December 14th would ordinarily be the feast of Spanish mystic and Doctor of the Church, St. John of the Cross. His spirit, however, seems to be embedded in the scripture for today with the themes of spousal preparation and the richness of a garden.

Many mystics of our Church described their soul's relationship with Jesus like that of a bride being made ready to unify with the bridegroom. Jesus himself used similar descriptives. The most common source for such a metaphor is in The Song of Songs where the bride and bridegroom search for each other in the lush plantation of an abundant orchard.

At this time in Advent, in the dark nights of winter, we are asked to ponder the hopeful bringing forth of new life in Jesus which is hidden and waiting in the earth of ourselves.

Isaiah reminds us that what is sown surely does spring up in our relationship with the Lord. As we "hold fast to what is good" we are, as St. Paul explained, readying ourselves "soul and body" for the coming of the bridegroom's light.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Just as the Messiah united in the womb of Mary - and John the Baptist recognized his coming by leaping in Elizabeth's womb - we are all called to prepare the way for Jesus with joyful hearts that do indeed magnify the Lord.

*Readings: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11;
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2015 offertory envelopes are available for pickup at the back of the church. Please provide your name and address on at least the first few donations you make. **BEGINNING IN 2015, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCARD THE OLD YEAR ENVELOPES AND BEGIN USING THE NEW ENVELOPES. PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENVELOPES IN THE NEW YEAR.**

BAKE SALE

Don't forget that the Bake Sale will be in the vestibule after all Masses **today** - December 14th. Bring your sweet tooth!

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you have a child in grade 2, it is time to consider enrolling them in St. Basil's First Communion program! This program begins on Sunday, February 1, 2015 and runs every week until the date of the First Communions on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the 12:00pm mass. Classes run from 1:15-2:15pm. There will not be a class on February 15 or March 15 to accommodate Family Day and the March Break. When students meet with myself, parents will be meeting with Fr. Chris for an enriched program based on the children's catechesis also from 1:15-2:15pm on Sundays. Special participation in the 12:00pm mass is encouraged! Please contact Emily should you have any questions or would like to enrol (liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

Christmas at St. Basil's

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
MASS: 7:30 A.M. ONLY

7:00 P.M.: VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS. TAPED FOR TV
11:30 P.M. CAROLS; 12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
MASS: 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON,
NO 4:30 P.M. MASS.

BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE
NO MASS AND NO CONFESSIONS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
MASS: 7:30 A.M. & 12:10 P.M.
CONFESSIONS: 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
VIGIL MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY: 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015
MASS: 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON,
NO 4:30 P.M. MASS.



PUER NATUS EST NOBIS CONCERT

A solo-organ/lecture concert reflecting on the season of Advent and the Nativity of our Lord will take place here at St. Basil's Church on December 21st at 7:30 p.m. Music to include Charles-Marie Widor's *Symphonie Gothique, op. 70*, the compositional basis of which is the gregorian chant introit for Christmas, *Puer natus est nobis* (A child is born to us). John Paul Farahat, organ. Admission is free, donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's.

PROGRAM BREAK

Our first session of our newly revised Marriage Prep has now concluded. We will continue to pray for all our couples as they continue their journey towards marriage at St. Basil's.

Also, our RCIA is now on break until after Christmas. Thank you to all our volunteers for the generous gift of their time.

**CHANGE IN WEEKEND PARKING ON
ST. JOSEPH STREET**

While parishioners are still able to park on St. Joseph Street weekends as they have been previously; there is a slight change. There are now signs in the area immediately east and west of the entrance to St. Basil's on the North side of the street and east of the entrance on the South side of the street; the signs are marked "NO STOPPING". Please avoid parking in this small area or you will be fined.

**SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH
HIS EMINENCE THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS**

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and the Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in solemn Eucharistic Adoration at St. Basil's Parish on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and Cardinal Collins will provide a brief reflection. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be made available for the duration.

A social for the young adults of the archdiocese will follow at St. Basil's Parish Hall from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

For more information, contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.ocytoronto.org.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, December 7, 2014

\$6,261.25

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.

GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for seniors is continuing into the new year. Classes are on Wednesdays at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class. Last class before Christmas will be December 17th.



December 14 – 20, 2014

Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 – Pedro & Crescencia Cabigao +,+
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Patricia Nunes-DeSouza (liv.)

Monday

- 7:30 – Kate McRae (liv.)
- 12:10 – Mai O'Connor
- 5:10 – Samdai Persad & Paul Curtin (liv.)

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Tony Mendoza (liv.)
- 12:10 – Patrick Quane +
- 5:10 – Pedro M. Bolo (Jr.) & family (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Thalheimer family
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+ +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Justin Kang (liv.)
- 12:10 – George Pinkney +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Jocelyn Cabigao (liv.)
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Marian Kerr +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Ancoreta Amigle, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Frank Gregoire.



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