

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; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm
Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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Adoration of the Shepherds - Van der Goes

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR PASTOR

In the second week of Advent, the University of St. Michael's Schola Cantorum offered a concert at St. Basil's. One of the first songs they performed was Tallis' "O nata lux" from the 16th century. The English translation of one of the lines that struck me was, "*You who once considered it right to be clothed in the flesh for sinners, grant us to be made limbs of your blessed body*". It is a small prayer that we might be intimately connected with God, who out of love came to dwell with us.

Christmas celebrates God's humble act of taking on human flesh, the coming of Emmanuel, "God-with-us", in the womb of Mary. It was not enough for God to become flesh to share in our human experience; God wants us to experience the divine life that has no end. The Word who was in the beginning, the light of the human race, gave power to us to become children of God and members of Christ's body. God became like us so that we could become like God through our union with Christ and everyone else who is also part of his body.

The communion that exists is a reminder to us that every time we come to the Eucharist—no matter if we come alone or with a friend or family member—we are surrounded by our sisters and brothers in Christ. As members of God's family, each of us enriches and adds life to the community.

Thank you for being part of the family! Even if we do not know the person in the pew in front of us, we demonstrate our communion through our support of each other and through our prayers and loving presence, which can be so important for those for whom the holidays are difficult times.

Jesus came to us at Bethlehem but also comes to us as we gather for Eucharist, in which we gain strength to reflect the light of Christ and therefore, as Tallis wrote, "shine with caring lives". Merry Christmas to you who bring so much light to St. Basil's!

NEW YEARS' SCHEDULE

Please note the following Mass schedule for next weekend:

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 31)

- Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm;
NO 4:30pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1)

- Sunday 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Monday 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm;
NO 4:30pm

Our regular weekend Mass schedule resumes beginning on January 6/7, 2018.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Are you planning to have your child baptized at St. Basil's, or have you been recently asked to serve as a Godparent?

Please note that our upcoming baptismal preparation class take place on the following dates in the new year:

- January 27, 2018
- February 24, 2018
- March 31, 2018

To register for a class or to get more information, please email the Director of Pastoral Ministries, Jessica at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As tax season draws near, our Parish Office is looking to ensure that information is properly recorded in our system. If you have moved in 2017, please confirm your new address with the Parish Office so that you will receive the donation receipt at the correct address.

RCIA LECTURES

Our R.C.I.A. candidates and sponsors are taking a well-deserved break over the Christmas season. The program resumes again on Wednesday evenings in January; the evening begins at 7:00pm with prayer in the church. The following talks are open to parishioners who wish to attend.

- **January 10:** What is a sacrament?
Br. Emmaus O'Herlihy, OSB
- **January 24:** Sacrament of Healing,
Fr. John Reddy, CSB
- **February 21:** Social Doctrine of the Church and the Beatitudes, John Dalla Costa
- **February 28:** Human Sexuality- A Catholic Perspective, Dr. Moira McQueen
- **March 7:** Introduction to Eco-Theology, Dr. Stephen Scharper
- **March 14:** Call to Holiness, John Dalla Costa

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Jessica via email at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Join the universal prayer of the Church

Vespers (evening prayer) is prayed on weekdays at 5:10PM; **Lauds** (morning prayer) is prayed every Saturday at 9:00AM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend some quiet time with the Lord

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Solemn exposition and benediction take place on the first Friday of the month, following the 12:10pm Mass.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closed on December 25/26 as well as January 1.



MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 24TH — DEC 30TH

SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am *Pro Populo*

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm *Pro Populo*

7:00pm(vigil) *Pro Populo*

12:00am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY **Nativity of the Lord**

9:00am *Pro Populo*

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm *Pro Populo*

TUESDAY **Saint Stephen**

9:00am *Pro Populo*

WEDNESDAY **Saint John**

7:30am T. and L. Prassas (+,+)

12:10pm Princecito Mercurio (+), *In gratitude for blessings received*

THURSDAY **The Holy Innocents**

7:30am Dr. Romulo Javier (liv.)

12:10pm Luigi Ciavarella (+), Santiago Afante (+), Michael and Alexandria (liv.), Faith and Joseph (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am Elva Bryson (+)

12:10pm John McGloin (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Vasilije and Caterina Novicic (+,+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Carry Eillen, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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