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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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

THE PATIENCE TO HEED

John Dalla Costa

Good intentions were not enough. A group of us, including Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars, had gathered in Amman, Jordan for dialogue. Our aim was to provide theological support for economic cooperation between the splintered communities in the Middle East. Business people from across the region joined us, looking towards religious leaders for seeds to grow the stability that politics had so far been unable to achieve.

Rich as it was, the dialogue fell far short of the potential. Perhaps it was inevitable that we too would be foiled by the complexities and rigidities of the situation on the ground. Later, we realized that while we had gathered with goodwill, we all carried too many fixed ideas, and extended too little flexibility. One Muslim theologian bemoaned this human enthusiasm for changing others without changing ourselves as "the lost art of heeding."

Advent is nothing if not a time for heeding. We are looking ahead, joyfully expectant for Christmas, but need this time to prepare to be ready to receive this gift from God.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's readings are an instruction manual for heeding. Isaiah, Peter, and Mark each enjoin us to take the long view - to see our lives woven together as participants in God's healing story. They teach repentance to help us undo those rigidities that keep God on the periphery of our lives, and they teach patience to help us grow through prayer into the Christ-bearers we are called to become.

Heeding on this level is a serious task, which in many ways involves the opposite of what Christmas season has become. The authors counsel us to take a detour from the detours of our busy world – to withdraw to that spiritual desert where we are reformed in solitude and reshaped in silence. We are told to wait, and to trust God, not as passive recipients for the drama that will unfold, but to be made anew by pondering the amazing promise, that “kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.”

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8

LAST COFFEE HOUR BEFORE CHRISTMAS & BAKE SALE

The last Coffee Hour of the year will be Sunday, December 7th after the 10:30am Mass. It will resume on January 4th!

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

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.

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).

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.

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.

Archdiocesan Day of Confessions will be on December 10th. Confessions will be heard throughout the day.



December 7th – 13th

INSPIRED BY VENICE CONCERT

Monday, December 8, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
at St. Basil's

An Advent choir and orchestra concert featuring the music of Monteverdi, Schütz and Tunder. St Michael's Schola Cantorum, directed by Michael O'Connor; orchestra led by Christopher Verrette, violin. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the University of Saint Michael's College.

PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God,

You who sent into the world your beloved son as a light that shines in the darkness, invest this wreath, our advent symbol, with the power of your energy and light.

With each new candle that is lit, may the flame of Christ's coming grow brighter and brighter, so we may rekindle within ourselves, and in the world, the desire to prepare a way for the coming of Christ.

We pray this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, November 30, 2014 \$5,733.84

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

Love is the measure of faith.

GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for seniors is continuing into the fall. 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 – Anne Gregoire +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Vito Lozupone + & family
- 4:30 – Marian and Zofia Kupfer +,+

Monday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 – Pio Sioson +
- 12:10 – Isabel Yap +
- 5:10 – Robert McCormack +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Rev. Kenneth Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – Denise McCartney +
- 5:10 – Dr. Arnold Bayley +

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Fr. Hurley (liv.)
- 12:10 – Maria Rodrigues +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Haddad family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Carman D'Cruz +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 7:30 – Anna, John Quiao and Virtucio family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Stefan and Anna Papez +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Lina Ciavarella +

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 Anne Dowling, Francis DeMello and Millie D'Souza.



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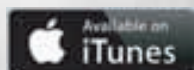


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