

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

A Point of Encounter
Emily VanBerkum

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law from a debilitating fever. I can imagine this scene playing out in my mind vividly. The Gospel tells us that Jesus "took her by the hand, and lifted her up...and she began to serve them." This woman's encounter with Jesus rid her of her physical suffering so that she could serve those who entered her home in a spirit of hospitality. Word certainly traveled quickly. Before long "the whole city was gathered around the door" and Jesus began to heal the sick and those possessed by demons.

I am struck by how powerfully this biblical story resonates with our own lives today. It is incredible that Christ uses human suffering as a point of encounter with those who are called to serve Him. Even Job in the first reading did not lose sight of God working in him despite feeling hopeless, lost, and miserable. I am sure that many of us can empathize with Job's feeling like "a slave who longs for their shadow." But what are we to learn from suffering? Last week in the R.C.I.A program, we discussed the role of evangelization in the Church. Our presenter claimed that in order to have a mission and serve God, we must first

have a personal relationship with Christ. But to commit to this type of relationship involves truly getting to know ourselves as well as undergoing a certain struggle. We may struggle with our own distractions, feelings of isolation, hopelessness, or illness. But these feelings separate us from hearing God's invitation to love Him and serve Him more deeply.

When we are overcome by these feelings we must turn to God and allow Him to speak to us. God does not turn his back on us when we experience pain or loss; rather, He loves us so much that He uses our human struggles as a special moment of encounter- a profound freely given invitation- in which we learn something about ourselves, our creator, and the Kingdom of God. Are we ready to listen?

Readings: Job 7.1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23, Mark 1.29-39

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Next weekend (February 14/15), we will recognize every couple celebrating a Milestone anniversary this year in our Parish! Before the final dismissal, couples will be invited to stand and will receive a special blessing and gift. We look forward to celebrating with you next weekend!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015: THE MUSIC OF CÉSAR FRANCK. Assistant Organist Rshaan Allwood presents a programme of music by this eclectic French master of the Romantic era, featuring works for piano-voice/violin, piano solo, and organ solo. With Clarisse Tonigussi, soprano, Emily D'Angelo, soprano, and Christine Yoo, violin. Admission is free, donations will be directed towards the music program of Saint Basil's.

Tax Receipts were mailed out this past Friday for donations received by the parish in 2014. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity this past year. We have been able to make many, many improvements to our ministries and building this past year because of the time, talents and treasures you have shared with this community. Let us thank God for all that we have and for good work that God has done through us! - Fr. Chris

BASIL'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book is *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin. Pick up your copy after each Mass this weekend!

The discussion will take place on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Your \$30 membership fee will include the cost of the book and snacks on the discussion evening. Get reading!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Basil's Parish is in need of volunteers for our Out of the Cold program (which runs on Tuesdays from 10:00-1:00pm). This ministry is a social outreach program that offers a sit down and bagged lunch to the less fortunate of our community. Responsibilities of membership in this group include shopping for groceries, food preparation, food service, and clean-up. Volunteering may be done on a regular or occasional basis and no prior experience is required since training is provided! Please contact Emily

at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org for more details and to arrange for training.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Catholics urged to Support Physicians' Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it *compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place.* The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more and to get involved.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

A credible witness to truth and to the values of the Gospel is urgently needed.

**LAST CALL;
Offered by
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,
Archdiocese of Toronto &
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**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Level I: Foundations Course: Children Ages Birth - 6
This introductory course will explore the foundations of an approach to the religious education/formation of children in the Toronto Archdiocese known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

It will present the orientation to the key issues fundamental to this ministry with children in early childhood. It will also introduce the foundational Biblical and Liturgical themes, which we present to children along with some hands-on experience with selected catechetical materials hand made to nurture children's prayer.

This 90 hour course, held over ten months is especially designed for those who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children; in the home, parish and school setting. It is also a prerequisite for further adult formation courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Certificate Program, Levels II and III).

Part 1: March – October 2015

Mondays 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Mar. 23, 30 Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19

+ Two Saturday Sessions 9:30 am-3:30 pm: Apr. 18 and Oct. 24

Part 2: November 2015 – January 2016

Mondays 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, Jan. (2016) 11, 18, 25

+ Three Saturday Sessions 9:30 am-3:30 pm: Nov. 14, Dec. 5 and Jan. 23

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Fee: \$250.00

If you would like to register for the upcoming course or would like more information regarding the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and/or the Certificate Program, please contact Kathleen Ennis, 416-934-3400 ext. 511 or kennis@archtoronto.org

ADMINISTRATIVE HELP WANTED

The Basil's Staff is on the lookout for volunteers to help with administrative tasks on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings. If you'd like to become part of this Admin Team, contact the Community Coordinator, Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org to get your name on the pastor's list.



FEBRUARY 8TH – 14TH

Sunday

9:00 – Remigio Serrano +
10:30 – Pro Populo
12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
4:30 – Peter Suba +

Monday

7:30 – Carmel Gaffney +
12:10 – Mary Le Noir Kieran +
4:00 – Televised Mass
5:10 – Televised Mass

Tuesday – St. Scholastica

7:30 – Leonore Hukalo +
12:10 – Catherine McGloin +
5:10 – Lucia Elena Illes +

Wednesday

7:30 – Teresa Zbiciak Wojcik (liv.)
12:10 – Mr. Stefan and Mrs. Anna Papez +,
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

7:30 – Leonardo Chavez +
12:10 – James McNamee +
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

7:30 – Leonardo Escobar +
12:10 – Mary McNamee (liv.)
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday – St. Cyril and St. Methodius

5:00 – Janet Ritch +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoretta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, and Hilary McCormack.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Rev. John Callaghan, CSB and Rev. Bob Ritz, CSB.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

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