

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

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Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

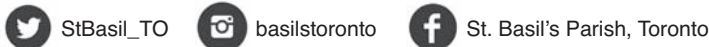
Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



St Basil's Parish was founded in 1856 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

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PARISH STAFF

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

MERCY PERSONIFIED

By Leanna Cappiello

My thoughts have admittedly been lingering on doubt lately. For me, this usually signifies the beginning of the Lenten season. For many of us, doubt could manifest according to our circumstance, our insecurities, even our wounds. I'm glad I can read Luke 5 and know I'm not alone in my doubt – it seems the Apostles Simon and Peter were full of it too! The truth of the matter is that we might doubt our abilities, our future, our jobs, our health, our finances, our family situation... We may give into restlessness or abandon our hope for what's best. It's part of being human to fear the unknown, to be exhausted, to be discouraged at times...

It is okay to doubt, but it is not okay to let doubt consume us.

As Lent begins this coming week and as the Year

of Mercy is upon us, we as a Parish community will be exploring what Mercy really means by giving an outward voice to Mercy in our everyday lives:

We will be using the prayers from the basket to write the Prayers of the Faithful. We usually bless the intentions with the pieces of paper closed and anonymous. We may write an intention, hoping someone will find our plea and pray with us in spirit. We might even pick up an intention, dedicating ourselves to one prayer per week. But this season, we want these prayers to be heard in a new way: the silent space we created in Advent has made way for a new voice to be heard in Lent. We will also be capturing moments of Mercy on Social Media, using your images, words and encounters for postings.

Should there be a moment when Mercy comes to mind in whatever way speaks to you, capture it, post it, and tag @BasilsToronto (Instagram), @StBasil_TO (Twitter) or St Basil's Parish, Toronto (Facebook) and include the hashtag #MercyMoment. These are our ways of seeking solidarity in sorrow and partners in peace. Instead of having doubt, fear, and shame reverberate in the shadows of our own minds, let us be vulnerable to one another in hearing the prayers aloud each week.

I hope you will join me in seeking the face of mercy, leaving doubt at the door.

Sunday's Readings:
Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11;
Luke 5.1-11

LENTEN BOOK CLUB

As mentioned in one of Fr. Chris' homilies, the next book club will discuss Fr. Ron Rolheiser's ***Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity***. Purchase your copy of *Sacred Fire* for \$30 in the vestibule of the church after all Masses this weekend. Happy reading! The book club meeting date has been set for **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm in the parish hall**. Light refreshments will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin the season of Lent with your St. Basil's Parish community by attending Mass on **Wednesday, February 10** at any of the following times: 7:30am, 10:30am, 12:10pm, 5:10pm, or 7:00pm.

RCIA/CREED: WELCOMING LENT

Join our R.C.I.A Catechumens and Candidates as we celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass together on **Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00pm**. Immediately after Mass, all are welcome to join the program in the parish hall for a guided discussion on the season of Lent and how we can grow in our relationship with God over the next forty days.

WINE AND BOARDGAMES

Our 3rd Annual Wine and Board Games event!!

Join in the fun on **Friday, February 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall** for our most loved Valentine's Day weekend tradition. You can count on some friendly competition and a chance to meet new people. Be prepared to gain friends (or lose friends... depending on the level of your competition). Couples, singles, and friend groups welcome.

Bring your favourite board games....
 Bring your own wine....
 Bring your game-face.

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

Our "Sunday Baking" team has been working to craft the finest treats, perfect for your sweet-toothed sweetheart! Irene Dale and Co. will be **selling at all Masses on the February 13/14th weekend**. We are in need of extra hands to help sell baked goods. If you would like to assist with the Sunday Baking team, please contact leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca and she will schedule you for a Mass time.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY AT ST. BASIL'S

On **Sunday, February 14 at the 12:00 Mass**, St. Basil's Parish is celebrating the engaged and married couples of our faith community. The day is both an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and an occasion to give thanks for all of you whose witness to married life strengthens our community through your loving commitment to God, your family, and one another.

Following Mass, **we invite all engaged or married couples to join us in the Parish Hall for a light lunch hosted in your honour.** Joining us will be Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, who will share with us his personal experiences of Pope Francis in their exchanges on marriage at the World Meeting of Families (Philadelphia, September 2015) and the Synod on the Family (Rome, October 2015).

Please **RSVP** your attendance so that we can arrange for lunch by **Wednesday February 10** to our Family Ministry Coordinator:
marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca

FAMILY DAY BRUNCH

Are you an international student at SMC, staying around campus for reading week? Are you a parishioner of St Basil's, interested in meeting new community members? Join us on **Monday, February 15** for a communal brunch where families from St. Basil's Parish and UofT Alumni will celebrate Family Day with some international cuisine, family style!

11:30am Mass for Families at St. Basil's Parish
12:30pm Lunch in St. Basil's Parish Hall

For more information, please contact:
Oriana at SMC (oriana.bertucci@utoronto.ca),
or Leanna (leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca)

2015 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2015 are ready and are now being mailed out.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 31, 2016 \$6,948.00



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 7th-13th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) Pro Populo David DesLauriers (+) Deceased Legionaries
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Stefan Cristian (liv.) Jeremiah Nunes-De Souza (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Irene Smeaton (+) Mary Le Noir Kierann (+), Kathleen May Escott (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Blessed Cardinal Stepinac (+) Catherine McGloin (+) <i>*10:30am, 5:10pm, 7:00pm Masses: Pro Populo</i>
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Cathy Nesselbeck (liv.) Baby Max (liv.), Chung Yin Cheng (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Myung Family Maryanne Colucci (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Azucena Campos Ejercito-Firme (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleto, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Hsien Tang Pan Wong, Robert Benn, Claire Fider, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Sr. Mary Sibbald, and Kam Fung Tem.

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