

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

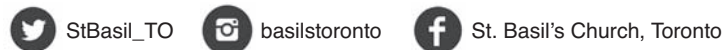
5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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 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.

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

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

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

THE MERCY OF ACCEPTANCE

By Tina Sibbald

Rejection, according to Psychology today, manifests itself in one's mind, body and spirit in profound and crushing ways. Chances are the pain is physical if you stop and think about the last time you faced rejection. In our hunter/gatherer past, being ostracized from a tribe was a death sentence, as man could not survive alone. This is supported in 1 Corinthians, which talks about how even through our diversity, we are all baptized into one body. We are accepted.

If Toronto is your second home, chances are that you have recently spent time at "home" over Christmas, with family and close friends. Your homecoming was celebrated, and everyone wanted to hear about what you've been working on and all your accomplishments. They were proud of you and you shared good food, fellowship and fun together. Isn't it wonderful to be accepted and loved by the people who mean the most to you?

Jesus went home to be among is people, and it didn't go so well for him. He read from the prophet Isaiah, and shared with them the exciting news that He was the fulfillment of the prophecy. "Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". The resulting ridicule and rejection would be enough to completely destroy every one of us. Yet He carried on.

Jesus' perseverance in sharing the truth about who He was would eventually lead to the ultimate rejection. He knew he would pay with His life, yet fulfilled the destiny that was His. The world needs this truth, and because we have it, it is incumbent on us to share the mercy and acceptance that we have received: not only with our words, but also by our actions. Sharing the message of salvation, I'm discovering, does not require a theology degree, or even the greatest knowledge and understanding of the liturgy. It does require an open heart and a willingness to be used in unexpected and sometimes uncomfortable ways. We are accepted. More accurately, we are accepted because He was rejected.

"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Sunday's Readings:
Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12.12-30
Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

R.C.I.A./CREED PRESENTATION: SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

You are most welcome to join our parish's Catechumens and Candidates as we discuss the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the role of the laity. Our Pastor, Fr. Chris Valka CSB will be the speaker on **Wednesday, January 27**. He will share the story of his own call to the priesthood and will explain how we are empowered as lay people to serve as Priests, Prophets, and Kings.

The evening begins with prayer in the church at 7:00pm; discussion to follow in the parish hall. No pre-registration is required!

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING FOR THE 4:30PM MASS

Mark your calendars!

Are you interested in serving during the 4:30pm Mass as an altar server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, choir member, or Minister of Hospitality? If so, then please join Fr. Chris, Emily, and their team of student ministers to learn a new liturgical role and participate in the 4:30pm Mass!

The training workshop will take place on **Sunday, January 31, 2016** starting in the vestibule of the church **immediately following the 4:30pm Mass**. There will be a pizza dinner, sponsored by USMC Campus Ministry, in the parish hall immediately after the training!

If you would like more information, please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org. *All are welcome! No previous experience is required!*

LUNCH & LEARN FOR A LOONIE: THEOLOGICAL THOUGHTS ON THURSDAYS

The USMC Graduate Faculty of Theology's Student Life Committee, in partnership with the Office of Campus Ministry, is hosting a mini student lecture series.

The 20 minute talks, delivered by USMC graduate students, will take place on **January 28th, February 25th, and March 24th**. All of the talks will take place in Brennan Hall, The Coop, from 12:30-1:30pm. Admission is \$1.00.

The money raised at these talks will go towards USMC's overall fundraising goal of \$20,000 to sponsor a Syrian refugee family.

No pre-registration is required.

The first talk, entitled "Discovering Theology," will serve as an introduction to the study of theology and will be presented by Faculty of Theology Doctoral Candidate, Bishoy Dawood.

**NEW MINISTRY:
SACRED ART EXPLORATION**

Looking for a Meditative practice that involves building some creative practice and skills? Come join Sacred Art Artist Mariann Dunsmore as she provides a sacred art template for you to trace or color. Any skill level is welcome!

Two experimental time slots available for **Friday, January 29th in Rm 006: at 10:00 - 11:30am and again at 3:30 - 5:00pm.** The most populated time will be our ongoing meeting time. If you would like to discuss another time slot, email Mariann at athomewsoul@gmail.com.

Not even Jesus found “the ready”

Jesus called Nathaniel. . . Nathaniel lacked openness.
Nathaniel wasn't ready.

Jesus called Philip. . . Philip lacked simplicity. Philip
wasn't ready.

Jesus called Simon, the Zealot. . . Simon lacked non-
violence. Simon wasn't ready.

Jesus called Andrew. . . Andrew lacked a sense of risk.
Andrew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thomas. . . Thomas lacked vision. Thomas
wasn't ready.

Jesus called Judas. . . Judas lacked spiritual maturity.
Judas wasn't ready.

Jesus called Matthew. . . Matthew lacked a sense of
social sin. Matthew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thaddeus. . . Thaddeus lacked
commitment. Thaddeus wasn't ready.

Jesus called James the Lesser. . . James lacked
awareness. James wasn't ready.

Jesus called James and John, the sons of thunder. . .
James and John lacked a sense of servanthood. James
and John were not ready.

Jesus called Peter the Rock. . . James lacked courage.
Peter wasn't ready.

*The Point you see, is that Jesus doesn't call the ready.
Jesus calls the willing*

From Sacred Fire, by Ronald Rolheiser (2013)

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 17, 2016 \$5,763.60



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 24th - 30th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lorena Vicente (liv.) Pro Populo Schrine Persad (+) Lourdes Resuma (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Go Tiesiem (+) The Fernandes Family (liv.)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Timothy and Titus Janus Majewski (+) Lourdes Santos (+), Barbara Valka (liv.), and Paul Janisse (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Zofia & Bernard Kowalski (+) Olimpio Ottaviani (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Thomas Aquinas Esther Magosse (liv.) Rene Bercasio (+) and Helen Scott (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Benedict Ortiz (+) Hiep Nguyen (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Maria Isabel Rodriguez Burgog (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, and Hsien Tang Pan Wong.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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