

# 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)  
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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.

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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

## 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

## HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

By Emily VanBerkum

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our parish community joyfully welcomes some of the children baptized in 2015- along with their parents and Godparents- for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass followed by lunch and fellowship. This reunion invites these families to recall the many ways they have been transformed by Baptism and participation in the sacramental life.

The gift of baptism initiates our relationship with Christ and we are forever transformed by God's grace. Through baptism, we are welcomed into a context that makes us especially apt to see, touch, taste, and hear things that draw us closer to God. John baptized Jesus as he baptized many others that day. But something about Jesus' baptism was transformative. As Jesus prayed "the heaven was opened" and a great theophany occurred, "the Holy Spirit descended upon him... like a dove and a voice came down from heaven."

All who witnessed this encounter were changed. In an audible way, booming down from the heavens, God was made known to the people and an intimate relationship with a “beloved” Son was established. Through baptism we recreate this divine encounter: we become especially attuned to hear God’s voice as it invites us to share in this relationship.

When I have the great privilege of meeting new parents (or parents once again) as they prepare their child for baptism in our parish, I am overjoyed by their sense of excitement and openness to a time of inevitable change in their lives. Like Jesus, through our baptism, we become transformed people. Welcomed into a community of believers wherein the seeds of faith are planted, we receive tangible signs of God’s love and grace. These tangible signs help us grow in relationship to God and others long after the day of our baptism.

Although we may not remember the details, our individual baptisms marked the beginning of our personal faith journeys. How we tell our story depends on how we hear God’s voice drawing us into relationship. Are we willing to be transformed by God’s will for us?

*Sunday’s Readings:*

*Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7*

*Acts 10.34-38*

*Luke 3.15-16, 21-22*

**Prayer to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord**

God of grace and glory,  
you call us with your voice of flame  
to be your people, faithful, and courageous.  
As your beloved Son embraced his mission  
in the waters of baptism,  
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit  
to join in his transforming work.  
We ask this in the name of our Savior  
Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY AT ST. BASIL'S**

As many of you are aware, Advent was quite special at St. Basil’s. The guided meditations not only allowed us to focus more intently on the Word of God, but created “room” in each of us for Christ this Christmas.

This “room” was a profound sense of contemplation and silence. Like many of you, I now find myself craving more silence than I did prior to Advent - I want more room - more time in the silent stillness. Giving time and space for this around our celebrations of the Eucharist is especially important.

If you have ever attended the 12:10 weekday Masses, you will know that this community has grown rather significantly over the past few months, and we have worked hard to nurture that with music during Solemnities and more regular, intentional presiding and preaching. Like many communities, there is a smaller, very devoted group of people who pray the Rosary after Mass.

While this is wonderful, it often happens directly after Mass is over leaving very little time for silent contemplation. Furthermore, people pray from their place in the pews scattered around the church.

I would ask that those who want to audibly pray the Rosary after Mass move up around the Marian Altar in the sanctuary. I am going to start leaving chairs out in a manner that allows the group to pray together in a quieter voice so others who desire silent contemplation can do so in the middle of the church.

It is also my hope that the change of location gives greater integrity to the prayers that are prayed during Mass, and those prayed during the Rosary.

As with all things, I welcome any thoughts you may have on this, and thank you for your support of the many different ways people pray at St. Basil’s.

- Fr. Chris

## BASIL BRIGADE: NEW YEAR CLEAN UP

Hello, 2016! We will be needing a crew of helpers to take down the Christmas decor to make way for our brief period of Ordinary Time. On this **Sunday, January 10 at 5:30pm** immediately after the 4:30pm Mass, join our tidy up party.

Many hands make light work.

## FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Communion preparation (for children at least in grade two) will begin on **Sunday, January 24 at 1:15pm in the vestibule.** Classes run for an hour led by Emily and a small team of catechists. We meet for eight weeks, and the First Communions take place on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the noon Mass.

To enrol your child or get more information, please contact Emily in the parish office.

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016

On the weekend of February 6/7, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating "Marriage Sunday." This special weekend will honour all married couples marking special anniversary milestones. Although special blessings will take place the first weekend of February in various parishes in the Archdiocese, all couples are invited to gather on **Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York.**

His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples (especially those celebrating 25th, 40th, and 50+ wedding anniversaries throughout 2016) to join him for this Mass with a reception to follow. This Mass is being co-coordinated by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Loved ones and family members of those couples being honoured are most welcome to attend.

In order to reserve seating, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and get more information.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 3, 2016 \$10,265.52



## MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 10th - 16th

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
9:00am-	Edgar Scully (+)
10:30am-	Pro Populo
12:00pm-	Luigi Ciavarella
4:30pm-	Hsien Tang Pan Wong (liv.)
<b>Monday</b>	
7:30am-	David Joseph & Maria Elizabeth Myungs
12:00pm-	Griffin Keeley (+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys</b>
7:30am-	Dragan Vujovic (+)
12:10pm-	Kathleen McNamee (liv.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:30am-	Lucy Almeida (+)
12:10pm-	Monica Gannon (+)
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:30am-	Tony and Mary (liv.)
12:10pm-	Mary McNamee (liv.)
<b>Friday</b>	
7:30am-	Asuncion C. Laset (+)
12:10pm-	John McGloin (+)
<b>Saturday</b>	
5:00pm-	Rae, Marie, Sandra Forrester (+,+,+)

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, especially Alice Rowe.

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