

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.

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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

"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU"

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

In the gospel this week we encounter the faith of Mary, the mother of Jesus. While both of them are attending a wedding in Cana Mary notices that the wine has run out. She knows that her son has the ability to help the bride and groom. Jesus tells her that his "hour has not yet come" but she turns to the servants and instructs them to, "Do whatever he tells you." She not only knows that he can perform a miracle and supply the couple with wine but, most importantly, she knows that he will. She has the outmost faith that her son, the Son of God WILL aid those in need.

Mary is a model of faith for all believers in Jesus Christ. We begin this season of ordinary time with the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ still fresh in our minds. From the moment the angel spoke to Mary saying, "Do not be afraid Mary," we see her put all of her faith in God. She had multiple reasons to say no and yet she freely accepted all God had in store for her. Even after

her son was born, when her and Joseph presented him in the temple, she received the startling prophecy that a sword will pierce her own heart. Mary answered the call time and time again to have faith in the will of God. Her trust in God is what enabled all of us to be saved. The first public miracle that she urged her son to perform set much in motion.

We all know that having a bar run dry at a wedding is, frankly, devastating (especially to the guests). But this gospel story points beyond that. The wine is anything that has run out in our lives. It is anything that leaves us on our knees, begging for help. When we do not know where to go or what to do and the path ahead is so unclear. Like Mary, we need to have faith that God will provide for us. But we also have to accept that it may not look the way we want it to. Jesus' "my hour has not yet come," is our call to accept God's will when God wills it. We need to be patient and steadfast in our faith in God and that we will be provided with exactly what we need.

Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Corinthians 12.4-11

John 2.1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING FOR THE 4:30PM MASS

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!*

SUPPORTING FUNERALS IN THE PARISH

About two weeks ago, we lost a long standing member of our community who was very devoted to her faith. Since she had been in a nursing home outside the city, I didn't know her, but her dying wish was to have her funeral here - in the parish she loved so much. After the funeral, a few parishioners told me that they wish more people could have known about the funeral, and asked about how we can better care for one another as we end the final chapter of our lives. In fact, it is a part of the parish we have not spent a lot of time thinking about, but it is time that change. If you go to the website, you will notice that we have put up A LOT of information concerning funerals in the last week. This includes a **FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEET**, which can help you plan your funeral Mass or service at the parish - something that usually doesn't get much advance thought. You are invited to make selections and leave a copy with the parish, where we will keep it on file. Then you can also give a copy to the person you have made funeral arrangements with - either in your family or a funeral home.

Lastly, you are invited to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 4:00pm in Room 006** next to the parish hall so that we can discuss considerations I may have missed and the formation of a group that can help communicate and provide hospitality around the time of funerals at the parish. If you have any questions in the meantime, please let me know. Blessings, and thank you to those I have already spoken with to get this important initiative off the ground.

-Fr. Chris

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Communion preparation will begin on **Sunday, January 24, 2016**. Families participating in this program are strongly encouraged to **attend the 12:00pm Mass** together. The **first three pews will be reserved** for you. Please be seated no later than 11:55am.

NATURE WALK & TALK

St. Basil's parishioner and biologist Gavin Miller will be giving a talk on changes in the wildflowers and other plant life of the Rouge Park and Toronto area that have been observed over the past 40 years. The growth of the urban area and other changes have strongly affected our native flora.

The talk will be at **2:30pm on Sunday, February 7, 2016**. It is sponsored by the Toronto Field Naturalists and will be held almost next door to St. Basil's: Northrop Frye Hall Room 003 (73 Queen's Park Crescent East)- immediately southeast of Emmanuel College, south of the Museum subway station exit on the east side of Queen's Park.

For more information, please call (416) 593 2656 up to noon on the Friday preceding the lecture. Or check out: <http://torontofieldnaturalists.org>.

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 to register and get more information.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 10, 2016 \$5,821.40



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 17th - 23rd

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandfather of Shalan (+) Pro Populo Frank, Monica & Mary Gannon (+,+,+) Jack Walsh (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Fr. Kenneth Decker, CSB (+) Claudette Kneider (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Fr. Donald Furlotle (+) Helen Maria Eustachiwna Andrusyszyn (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Mary Jane Kelly (+) Pauline Faull (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Agnes Gerald Magosse (+) Pastora Caintic (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Dr. Christopher Overgaard (liv.) Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Venerable Benedetta Bianchi Porro (+)

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.

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