

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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 Church, Toronto

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:	Mary Hopper
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; 5:10 pm

NOTE: No 5:10 pm Mass Weekdays
from June 1- Labour Day

THE AWAKENING ECHO

By: John Dalla Costa

It makes my heart smile to ponder today's reading from Paul. Before the big bang boomed, before atoms fused, galaxies constellated, or molecules formed, God knew each and every one of us, and chose us in Christ.

Paul was a tentmaker by training, not an advanced mathematician, but his genius here was recognizing the underlying spiritual physics of God's creative love. In Genesis, the act of creation is a summoning, and at the same moment of speaking all into being God also recognizes the inherent goodness of that creation. This is why all matter - every iota of matter - matters to God. And it is why all matter, including that which constitutes us as human beings, bears the lingering echo of God's calling forth.

Lack of professional accreditation does not disqualify us from God's call. Amos was a shepherd and a tree-trimmer before heeding God's beckoning, and taking up the prophetic work that unsettled unbelieving kings. Paul thought he was responding to God's laws as he zealously persecuted the followers of Jesus, only to discover after his conversion that his mission, pre-ordained from before the founding of the cosmos, was to call the whole human world to Christianity.

What's amazing is that God's call can be revolutionary even when those responding seem to be so ill qualified to represent the Divine Mysteries. The twelve summoned in today's gospel to go and begin the work of church-building were humble toilers on fishing boats. Strangers must have initially wondered how such authority could emanate from people who were just like them. Yet that in the end was what must have been so persuasive.

Calling resonates here: recognizing the extraordinary in the ordinary, and fathoming the inherent good in the seemingly insignificant.

Today's Readings:

Amos 7:12-15

Paul's Letter to The Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Altar servers play a vital role in facilitating liturgical prayer for a congregation in worship. Here at St. Basil's, we rely on a very small but dedicated team to perform this vital role every week.

Are you available and or interested in serving on the altar occasionally or on a regular basis?

Attend a training workshop with Basilian Novice, Eduardo, and Emily on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm; we will meet in the vestibule of the church. No previous experience is required, all are welcome!

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:
ATRIUM PROJECT PROGRESS**

We have had many projects on the go already for our Children's Atrium, thank you!

We are currently in need of...

- an artist to paint faces onto 4 1/2" wood figurines (15 faces)
 - someone creative to sew simple clothing for 4/12" figurines (15 outfits)
 - a woodworker to build a mini chasuble stand, a small lectern, and/or a small altar table
 - someone to draw and assemble pictorial prayer cards
- Detailed instructions and support provided.

Contact Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org if you are interested in any of these projects.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES REGROUPING

This past week, the four social justice ministries participated in a round-table style meeting in the hope of (1) understanding how to leverage the resources of the parish to meet the unique challenges of each ministry, and (2) look for opportunities to offer a more comprehensive, systemized level of care for those in need.

The four ministries (St. Vincent de Paul, Out of the Cold, Miller Group, and John Ford First Sunday Food Drive) were all well represented and each spoke of the significant increase in demand for their service and the consequent difficulty experienced in meeting the diverse community outreach needs within our parish boundaries. Each also recognized the difficulty of conveying the stories of their work and those they serve, and will work to improve this in the future.

Collectively, the group decided that the parish should refocus the efforts of the John Ford Food Drive to the direct needs of the parish. When John Ford began this ministry, he did so not taking for granted that he was able to eat a good meal each week, while others in the parish and local community could not. A man that was well known for his voice will continue his legacy and work for charity as we use the Food Drive as a monthly opportunity to convey specific stories of parishioners serving others in a spirit of hospitality;

and to collect food and other items for the parish's Social Justice Ministries. This means that when you give to the John Ford Food Drive, your donations of food and cash will no longer be directed to the Daily Bread Food Bank; rather, they will "stay within the family" and support the good work of parishioners helping the less fortunate of our community.

More will be developing as the Social Justice Ministries continue to change in order to grow. In the meantime, we hope you look forward to hearing the previously unknown stories of mercy and love made possible by you, our generous St. Basil's parishioners.

If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to Fr. Chris.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 28, 2015	\$4,807.05
Sunday, July 5, 2015	\$6,392.20

WORKING TO MAKE ST. BASIL'S BETTER

This coming week, beginning on July 13, the University of St. Michael's College will begin the process of taking St. Basil's Church and Odette Hall off the steam line that comes from the University of Toronto.

The project will take approximately 2-3 months to complete as it involves removing all the old radiators and necessary lines; and then installing fan coils and the accompanying pipework.

From July 13-August 3, there will be no access to the lower level of the church without authorized permission. While there will be some work in the main church, it should not restrict access at any time. Rather, only the immediate areas where work is occurring will be restricted.

Beginning August 3, the old chapel space downstairs will be available with some restrictions, while the parish hall will continue to be unavailable through the end of August.

Work will occur on WEEKDAYS ONLY from 1:15 pm - 10 pm during the months of July and August. Work conducted in September will occur overnight beginning at 9 pm.

All events and ministries affected by this are in communication with Fr. Chris and will continue, though their location may have changed. If you have questions, please call the parish office. Apologies for the lack of notice, but we only found out the scope of work just over one week ago!

Again, it is our hope that the disruptions will be minimal - certainly not affecting anything on the weekends. It is an exciting project as it will offer much better climate control throughout the year!

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday July 26, 2015.



July 12th - 18th

Sunday

- 9:00 - Matos & Martins Families
- 10:30 - Pro Populo
- 12:00 - Gerald Carlin +
- 4:30 - Sean Evelyn +

Monday

- 7:30 - Sean Evelyn +
- 12:10 - Hong Nguyen (liv.)

Tuesday

- 7:30 - Robert Jarvis +
- 12:10 - Amy Wong +

Wednesday - St. Bonaventure

- 7:30 - Joe & Carmel Ferguson (liv.)
- 12:10 - Rev. Alexander Barna +

Thursday

- 7:30 - Tinella Family (liv.)
- 12:10 - Luigi & Lina Ciavarella +,+

Friday

- 7:30 - Maria Elizabeth Myung & Family (liv.)
- 12:10 - Frank, Monica & Mary Gannon +,+ +

Saturday

- 5:00 - Christy Kimmage +

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.

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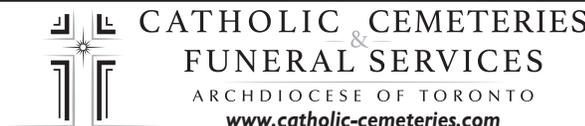
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