

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 - 8:30 pm)

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm; 5:10 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 and is the third oldest parish in the city of Toronto after St. Paul's Basilica (1822) and St. Michael's Cathedral (1845).

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.

Since October 2007, we have been the home of the National Televised Daily Mass, reaching people in their homes all over Canada. The Daily Mass is broadcast six days a week on Vision TV, the Crossroads, Television Network and Salt and Light TV.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Director of Music: John Paul (J.P.) Farahat
Assistant Organist: Nancy Sicsic
Office Manager: Mary Hopper
Social & Community Coordinator: Leanna Cappiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SOWING OUR GARDENS

By Louella D'Souza

In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the parable of the sower while reminding us the need for parables as a form of instruction. So I thought I would tell a story of my own: Ester lived at the corner of the block and I walked by her porch every morning. One day, we struck a conversation that evolved into a friendship. She had a lovely garden and told me that it had taken years to cultivate it. She had also spent many years building a compost heap to make the best possible soil for her garden. She said the key to a beautiful, bountiful garden was fertile soil and good seeds.

In recalling Ester's conversation, she had said that after the sowing, there had followed the waiting for the garden to grow. The waiting period had been the hardest. Some summers had been arid and dry and sometimes storms would destroy her tender saplings. But Ester was passionate about her garden and she continued to cultivate and maintain it. 'Life is a garden,' she had said. 'Tell me, what seeds would you sow in your life?' That is a question that has always followed me. As time has passed, I have expanded on Ester's initial question to me.

I now ask myself what seeds were sown in the past to help me determine the seeds I will now sow. Would they be seeds that would bring forth a great harvest or just weeds for a bonfire. Would my harvest be one of love, forgiveness, mercy and kindness? Or would it be the weeds of brokenness, misery and fear? How will I fare while waiting? Will I wait eagerly or apathetically? And how fertile was the soil in my life? Had I put in the time and effort to produce soil fruitful enough for a garden to grow?

Once the sowing is complete, how will we fare while waiting? Will we trust and endure and persevere through the aridity and the storms? How strong will we stand against the elements in our lives? And how well will we wait for God to break through?

Today's readings: Isaiah 55.10-11, Romans 8.18-23, Matthew 13.1-23

CONGRATULATIONS to our part-time staff member Valentina and her husband Antonio who welcomed the arrival of their beautiful daughter Sofia on July 2, 2014.

ATTENTION ALL HISTORIANS!

St. Basil's Parish has a rich architectural history and we want to share this history with parishioners and our wider community! If you have a special interest in our parish's history, archives, or architecture, then we need your help and creativity to design a script for a potential guided tour of St. Basil's. For some resources to get you started, please contact liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org for more information.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 29 th	\$4,291.10
Sunday, July 6 th	\$5,984.90

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN MANNARA

our Basilian novice who has been in residence and working here at the parish, on professing his first vows on Wednesday, July 9th. Please keep Kevin in your prayers as he continues his journey to Priesthood. Also keep in your prayers those Basilians attending the Basilian General Chapter where new leaders are elected.

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday July 27th, 2013.

ST BASIL'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

If you have ever volunteered with us in a ministry, social justice initiative, or serve at Mass - we appreciate your service and would like to thank you!

Join us on **Sunday, July 27th, @1:00pm**, following the 12 noon Mass. It will be held in **Scollard Park**. If it rains, we will use the Parish Hall.

We will be catering in from Pickle Barrel, but if you would like to supplement the finger foods and veggies with a special dish, dessert or fruit we welcome your contribution as well!

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

A performance group is forming at St Basil's! Join Leanna Capiello and Kristen Sehn as they gather to rehearse scenes, sing melodies, and choreograph dances to prepare for a short Mixed Art Show at the end of the summer. All artists and parishioners are encouraged to join in. No experience required, just bring your creative energy.

We will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm in the Parish Hall.

SENIORS GENTLE FITNESS GROUP

This summer in our parish hall there will be a Seniors Gentle Fitness group meeting. The drop in class will take place on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. starting June 16th and continuing until the end of August (no class August 4th). Drop in fee is \$7.00 per class. Please wear proper shoes and comfortable, loose clothing.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming part of our team of altar servers? We need your help! Training is provided and no former experience is required- just a willingness to learn and a spirit of service. Please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org for more details and to arrange a training date.

Catholic Family Services & Funeral Services- Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 7:00PM. All are welcome to this event. For more information regarding locations please contact the nearest cemetery office or the central business office at (416) 733- 8544 or 1-800-974-4619 or visit their website at catholic-cemeteries.com.

**Francis in Toronto:
A Pilgrimage for Young Adults**

July 25 to July 27
The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure
1300 Leslie St., Toronto

With the young adults (18-39) of St. Bonaventure Parish and the Conventual Franciscan Friars, explore how the unique Franciscan spirit can inform our everyday lives and discover how the diverse religious communities of our Church have shaped the history of Toronto. Simple accommodation and meals will be provided. Cost is \$100 and the registration deadline is Friday, July 11.

Contact Jonathan Nix for more information at 416-447-5571, ext. 258 or jonathan@st-bonaventure.ca.



July 13th – 19th

Sunday

- 9:00 – Erika Schweigerlehner (liv.)
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Mr. & Mrs. Peter Daly (liv.)

Monday

- 7:30 – Marivick, Arthur Tambuyat and family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Amy Wong +
- 5:10 – Darlene Fitzgerald +

Tuesday – St. Bonventure

- 7:30 – Harry Vis +
- 12:10 – Fr. Ken Decker, C.S.B. (liv.)
- 5:10 – Tony Deutscher +

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Thalheimer family
- 12:10 – Maura Harris +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Agapito Bermundez +
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+ +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Wojcik family
- 12:10 – Shirley Campbell +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Charles and Hilda Scime +,+

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, Janet Ritch, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Helena Andruszszyn, Tessa Gayapersad, Hsieh Tang Pan Wong and Patrick MacMahon Maingot.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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