

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.

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



St. Basil's Parish is home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to discreetly nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, Children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

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

KNOWING WHAT TO ASK FOR

By Fr. Chris Valka, C.S.B.

In our readings this week, we begin with a rather remarkable exchange between Abraham and God. God has grown weary of the sinfulness of the people of Sodom and sets out to find out what kind of punishment they shall endure. Abraham greets God and intercedes for Sodom, begging God not to sweep away the innocent with the guilty. Abraham bargains with God asking if God would relent if 50 innocent people were found. And if 50, would God relent for 45; and if 45, what about 40; and so on. . .

Abraham knows he is pushing his luck since with every bargain, he begs God not be angry for asking for a little more mercy.

In the Gospel, too, we hear Jesus stress the importance of persistence when we ask. "Ask and you shall receive; knock and the door will be opened."

Most of us have had the experience of asking a stranger for help or asking a friend. Strangers don't respond the same way friends do; and it is so much easier to ask for help from someone you know versus someone you don't.

Thus, the message is simple: our prayers to God are aided by our relationship with God. However, it is not that God's response is changed by our actions, or that God has favourites; rather, that when we know God and God's ways, we know what to ask.

Basilian Father Edmund McCorkell said it best, "The secret to getting what you desire, is to desire the right things."

This week's readings contain an invitation for us to learn who God is and God's ways a little better, so that when we ask for help, we know what to ask for. Good relationships always do that for us because others see in us what we often do not see in ourselves. Others often have a better sense of what we need; whereas we often have difficulty seeing past what we want.

May we have the courage to let ourselves be truly known by God; to live in relationship with God before we make our requests known. May we take adequate stock of what we already have, and how well we use what we have before we ask for something more or something new.

Sunday's Readings:
Genesis 18.20-32
Colossians 2.12-14
Luke 11.1-13

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

If you are considering enrolling in our baptismal preparation class for parents and Godparents, then please note that we **will not be hosting a class in the month of August.**

To register for our September class, please contact Emily: emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM HOURS

Are you certified in Level 1 or Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If so, we want you to be part of the St Basil's Catechist team when we begin our programs in early Fall!

When open, our weekly Atrium sessions will run as follows:

Sundays, 9:45-11:00am (children ages 3-6) & 11:15-12:30pm (First Communion Class)

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Leanna: leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you have a child who is at least seven years old and you would like to register them for our **First Communion preparation class** run in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, please contact Emily for more details. She can be reached at emily.vanberkum@utoronto.ca, or 416-926-7110 x3210.

R.C.I.A PREVIEW NIGHT

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Tradition?
Do you have questions about how to get started?
Are you discerning becoming Catholic?

Join Fr. Chris and Emily as they welcome registered prospective Catechumens and Candidates- even fully initiated Roman Catholics interested in knowing more about their faith- for a preview night highlighting what is to come for this season's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) program.

All who may be interested in this program are welcome to join on **Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00pm** in room 006 (parish hall).

SHAKESPEARE IN HIGH PARK

As part our "Summer Nostalgia Series", St Basil's Parish presents a night out in High Park for a performance of Hamlet, one of Shakespeare's classic tragedies. On **Tuesday, August 9** between 6:45 – 7:00pm Geraldine Ymana & Raphael Borja will be waiting outside High Park Subway Station to pick up attendees and guide them to the theatre. Leanna Cappiello will be awaiting your arrival and reserving seats for the group. The performance begins promptly at 8:00pm and is a pay-what-you-can event, with a suggested donation of \$20 to support the Candian Stage Theatre group. Directions can be found online or by contacting Leanna for more information: leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca.

A few months ago, a volunteer with our Out of the Cold program emailed Fr. Chris with a truly remarkable encounter with one of our patrons. Now, with her permission, we are sharing it with you!

"Dear Fr. Chris, I need to share this because my heart is bursting with joy! A couple years ago I met Jacob via the Miller Group and one day as we chatted he told me of his struggles finding a home and that presently he was living under a tree. My heart broke. Through odd circumstances I just happened to have a St Joseph statue in my purse and gave it to Jacob. I told him how prayer to St Joseph was very powerful in finding or selling a home. Jacob took the statue and started to pray. Soon after, Jacob managed to find a home subsidized by the City of Toronto and the change in him was amazing. He no longer had to carry around all of his belongings and his posture had completely changed. It is truly amazing to see how our patrons strive to get back on their feet- he is now in awe of the power of believing! I feel so blessed to be able to share my joy of prayer with others in this ministry and to see it transform their lives. Volunteering is truly a humbling experience and I am so happy to be able to give back to my community."

THANK YOU to our incredible volunteers who serve as a real witness to Christ every week to the many patrons that rely on and benefit from their life-giving spirit of generosity!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 17, 2016 \$6,201.95



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 24th - 30th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feliciano Macalino (+) Pro Populo Teresa Lee (+) Ann Breslin (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint James Pro Populo Bryan Herd (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Joachim and Anne Pro Populo David Arthur Whiteman (+) and Paula Goering (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Francis Fernandes (+) Reg Prower (liv)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Pro Populo Katrina Teh (liv.) and Arthur Darragh
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Martha John Angus (+) Margie Hynes (liv.)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saint Peter Chysologus Anthony Idigbe (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Gerald Guest, Steve Pajjie, Bernice Casey, and Concha Gaeitereiro.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

*If you would like to have a name added to our prayers for the sick or deceased, please contact the parish office.

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