

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.



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

HOPE IN PROVIDENCE

By: Lucinda M. Vardey

If this were not a Sunday, the liturgical calendar would celebrate the Feast of St. Anne. Nevertheless, much of today's readings could be interpreted as more than appropriate in considering the female lineage of Jesus' earthly family.

Feeding is one of the themes. Throughout the ages, and in virtually all cultures, women prepared the food for their families. Mothers still feed their children not only material but spiritual nourishment. In studying the lives of the saints we frequently see the maternal influence on their formations of faith.

Many portraits of St. Anne depict her sharing a scroll or a book of scripture with Mary as a young girl. Could we glean that Mary being fed the Word of God by her mother from such an early age enabled her to converse so simply - and wisely - with Gabriel at the Annunciation?

There are frequent accounts in the Bible of people conversing with God usually in an overture for some particular mission or calling. Men and

women argue in their struggle for clarification as their rational mindsets are changed to understand the truth and mystery of God's direction or, in the case of the feeding of the five thousand, by signs of God's maternal care.

Philip asks Jesus a rational question, such as Mary had asked the angel. Words are not used in response: instead an opportunity is given to witness the marvels of God's providence in not only providing for each of us but for everyone - to the full.

The one body and spirit St. Paul refers to in Ephesians, offers an answer to our natural human inclinations in our questions to God. Being humble, gentle, patient, loving, peaceful and hopeful is the way to nourish not only our own souls but each others' in unity with the family of God.

Today's readings:

2 Kings 4.42-44

Ephesians 4.1-6

John 6.1-15

PARISH PRAYER BASKET

You are encouraged to either write a prayer intention and leave it in the basket in the back of the church or take an intention for your own personal prayer during the week.

Please note that while the *prayers* on the paper are blessed, the paper itself is not blessed and can therefore be discarded.

It is our hope that people will pick up a new prayer each week. You may choose to continue to pray for intentions longer, or simply recycle the paper at the end of the week.

AND thank you for your prayers!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 19, 2015

\$5,841.72

FR. CHRIS IS GETTING HELP!

You might have noticed that our Pastor carries a rather heavy load, but that load is about to get a little lighter. Fr. Michael, Lehman, CSB will soon share the weekend responsibilities, beginning in mid-August.

Fr. Mike lives in the same house as Fr. Chris - right here on campus. For over five years, he has offered weekend assistance at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish; however, he will be ending his assistance to be here with us. Fr. Mike has been working in Catholic Education for 27 years; the last 10 years in his current position at the Toronto Catholic District School Board as the Chaplain and Faith Formation Specialist.

I am sure you will soon agree that St. Basil's is VERY blessed to have Fr. Mike as part of our community. Please welcome him over the next couple of weeks as he starts to make his presence known to us.

Prayer for our Sisters and Brothers in the Consecrated Life

Heavenly Father, you call women and men to follow Jesus, in poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Help them grow as witnesses of your love and mercy, by embracing the Gospel and journeying with your people.

Fill us with gratitude and joy for the variety of gifts made so abundant through the consecrated life in Canada.

Help those on this path of holiness to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church and the world today.

Give them unwavering hope that they may embrace the future with confidence and boldness.

Let the beauty and holiness of consecrated life continue to shine forth in our Church.

May Mary, endowed with every gift of grace, be for your people the model of love and service for God and neighbour.

-Through Christ your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

August 1st & 2nd

Volunteers in our parish work very hard to prepare nutritious lunches for the less fortunate in our community. When patrons attend our meal programs- run on Tuesdays and Sundays- they have come to expect a warm, welcoming environment with smiling volunteers who make excellent conversation partners. For our volunteers in the Out of the Cold and Miller Group ministries, the patrons serve as a witness to Christ.

In order to continue our work and improve the quality of our menus and service, we need your help!

Please do some summer cleaning in your pantry and help us fill ours!

We are in great need of the following items on our grocery list this month:

- Grains: rice, quinoa
- Canned vegetables (peas, corn, beets, beans, olives)
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups (including chicken broth)
- Canned salmon, chicken, ham
- Beverages: Coffee, herbal teas, green teas, juice boxes, bottled water
- Condiments and spices: Mayonnaise, salad dressing (non-perishable), dried herbs (ex. parsley, mustard, basil), salt and pepper, chili flakes
- Olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- Margarine
- Granola bars, cookies, fruit/pudding cups

On the weekend of August 1st/2nd after every mass, volunteers from the John Ford Food Drive, Miller Group and Out of the Cold will be on hand to gratefully accept your donations of the above mentioned items. Feel free to ask them questions about the work they do, stories from patrons, and how you can get involved too!

Thank you for your generosity!

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer months, the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be released on Sunday, August 9.



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 26th- AUGUST 1st

Sunday

9:00- Filippo Couosi (+)
10:30- Pro Populo
12:00- Corazon Sonny Bueno (+)
4:30- Isaac Gutierrez Canton (+)

Monday

7:30am- Alex Stuart (+)
12:10pm- Francesco and Maria Rosa Vetro (+)

Tuesday

7:30am- Alex Stuart (+)
12:10pm- Luisa lafrate (+)

Wednesday

7:30am- John Angus (+)
12:10pm- Arthur Darragh (+)

Thursday

7:30am- Alex Stuart (+)
12:10pm- Vincenzo Di Pede (+)

Friday

7:30am- Concepcion Agapinan (+)
12:10pm- Lindsay & Jeanette MacNeil (+, +)

Saturday

5:00pm- Fr. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B. (+)

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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