

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

OUT OF JOY

REV. CHRIS VALKA, C.S.B.

We are instructed this week, once again, about the Kingdom of Heaven – this time compared to treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again and OUT OF JOY goes and sells all that they have to buy the field.

Over the past few weeks, I have been working with a gentleman in order to restore and preserve the Stations of the Cross in our church. As soon as I read the Gospel, I thought of him. We have done previous work with him before, and there is a reason I went back to him to help us with the Stations, but this project has been different. He has stopped everything else to restore our Stations. Out of joy, he has been brought to tears as he discusses with me the latest small achievement in the process. He has noticed details that I have never noticed, and while he is not a Christian, it is clear that he has been touched by Jesus' Passion as depicted in the art. Many times in our conversations, this man says that he is giving God his very best and it is making him so very happy.

This is the joy we read about in the Gospel. It is the gift that we receive when we return to

God everything that we have received.

We are also told that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. Only after it is hauled ashore, do they sort out what is good and what is bad.

“Here comes everyone,” my Novice Master used to tell me whenever he spoke about the Catholic Church. While many people think of the summer as a more leisurely time, our parish staff has been working quite hard responding to the many people coming to our door. Each story is unique; however, none is uncommon. People come to this parish with a desire to open themselves up to the kind of hope and joy that does not disappoint.

It is hard work, and it requires all that we have. For my part, the summer months have required my everything, and yet I don't know that I would change it even if I could. Each night I go to bed knowing that I (along with the rest of our staff and volunteers) gave God everything - and there is no joy I have found to compete with that. May we all know such joy.

Today's readings 1 Kings 3.5-12, Romans 8.28-30, Matthew 13.44-52.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH is a Civic Holiday there will be one Mass only at 9:00 a.m. and no confessions. The parish office will be closed.

Sunday, August 3rd is the **John Ford First Sunday Food Collection** for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, July 13, 2014	\$5,812.00
Sunday, July 20, 2014	\$4,244.78

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

For those with severe allergies, we now have gluten-free hosts available. To receive the Eucharist in this manner, please identify yourself to the presider just before Mass begins and then receive the Eucharist from his communion line.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

We now have special headsets for those with hearing difficulties. Two types are available: one that utilizes a "T switch" on an existing hearing aide; and another for those without hearing aides of any kind. If you would like to use these devices, please stop by the main office before Mass with a piece of ID. We will keep the ID while you have the device. It is recommended that you sit in the centre aisles anywhere in the church. The volume of the device is controlled by a large dial on the front. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Chris or the person working in the main office.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. May we learn to be generous in giving, free from the love of material possessions.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

A performance group is forming at St Basil's! Join Leanna Cappiello 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.

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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: JUNE 2014



Operating Fund

	June	Year to Date
Income		
- Offertory (excl. PAG)	\$27,986	\$175,377
- PAG	\$5,940	\$35,814
- Total Offertory ⁽¹⁾	\$33,926	\$211,191
- Other Income	\$8,782	\$69,704
- Total	\$42,708	\$280,895
Expenses		
- Parish expenses	\$42,003	\$256,769
- Diocesan Assessment	\$10,703	\$42,813
- Total	\$52,706	\$299,582
Excess/(Shortfall) ⁽²⁾	(\$9,998)	(18,687)

Number of parishioners signed up for P.A.G.: 97

Notes:

(1) Offertory at the end of June 2013 was \$169,299

(2) Our shortfall at the end of June 2013 was \$27,206

Special Collections in June:

ShareLife \$14,950
 Papal Charities \$ 220
 Marygrove Camp \$ 2,608

Restoration Fund

	June	Year to Date
Income		
- Collection (excl. PAG)	\$2,555	\$16,786
- PAG	\$1,077	\$5,502
- Total	\$3,632	\$22,288
- Other (incl. donations)	\$3	\$12,756
- Total	\$3,635	\$35,044
Expenses		
- Expenses	\$18,270	\$104,690
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$14,635)	(\$69,646)

July 27 – August 2, 2014

Sunday

9:00 – Mary McNeill +
 10:30 – Pro Populo
 12:00 – Kitty McNamee (liv.)
 4:30 – Dinno Ferrer Butang +

Monday

7:30 – Michael A. MacDonald +
 12:10 – Jean Fournier +
 5:10 – Bruce & Nada Dancy (liv.)

Tuesday – St. Martha

7:30 – Michael A. MacDonald +
 12:10 – John Angus +
 5:10 – Rev. Fr. Odilard J. Arceo, OSB +

Wednesday

7:30 – Michael A. MacDonald +
 12:10 – Adoracion Custodio & Crispin Custodio +,
 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday – St. Ignatius Loyola

7:30 – Michael A. MacDonald +
 12:10 – Lindsay MacNeil +
 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – St. Alphonsus

7:30 – Leoncio E. Marasigar +
 12:10 – Bernie, Marivic Pablo & family (liv.)
 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday


5:00 – Margaret Mahoney +

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.

SUMMER BULLETIN

During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday August 10th, 2014.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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