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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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## 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

Creating an Authentic Culture of Encounter  
Emily VanBerkum

To celebrate World Communications Day, Pope Francis published a message for the faithful of today's technologically advanced, globalized world. He insists that communications technology and the media have great potential to create an authentic culture of encounter. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven and commissioned his closest followers to "go and make disciples of all nations," so too does Pope Francis call all of us to reaffirm our mission as disciples- to live as neighbours.

The following is an excerpt from Pope Francis' message:

"How, then, can communication be at the service of an authentic culture of encounter? What does it mean for us, as disciples of the Lord, to encounter others in the light of the Gospel? In spite of our own limitations and sinfulness, how do we draw truly close to one another? These questions are summed up in what a scribe - a communicator - once asked Jesus: "And who is my neighbour?" (Lk 10:29). This question can help us to see communication in terms of "neighbourliness."

We might paraphrase the question in this way: How can we be “neighbourly” in our use of the communications media and in the new environment created by digital technology? I find an answer in the parable of the Good Samaritan, which is also a parable about communication. Those who communicate, in effect, become neighbours. The Good Samaritan not only draws nearer to the man he finds half dead on the side of the road; he takes responsibility for him. Jesus shifts our understanding: it is not just about seeing the other as someone like myself, but of the ability to make myself like the other.” Since social communication allows the Christian message to reach “the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) we are responsible for stewarding the media so that it projects an image of the Church as a “home to all.” Conversely, Pope Francis desires that the Church itself project an image of warmth with the capability of stirring hearts and minds to live as neighbours with the Good Samaritan as our guide.

The entirety of Pope Francis’ message will be posted on our website for further reading and reflection.

*Today’s readings: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20*

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> \$4,647.10

**ORGAN CONCERT**

The world-renowned organist James David Christie will be giving a concert on Friday, June 6, at 8:00 p.m. here at Saint Basil’s as part of ORGANIX 14. Tickets for the concert are priced at \$30 (General), \$25 (Seniors), and \$20 (Students, RCCO/RSCM/AGO Members). For more information, please visit [www.organixconcerts.ca](http://www.organixconcerts.ca) or contact our Director of Music, John Paul Farahat, at [johnpaul@farahat.ca](mailto:johnpaul@farahat.ca)

**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](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) for more information.

**ONE OF OUR SAGE STORIES.....**

Journeying Within  
Louella D’Souza

Growing up, I had known God to be angry and punitive. Nothing escaped him and every sin would be accounted for. My devotion was based on fear and my prayer was negotiated. I promised devotion in exchange for passing exams, curing illnesses or the like.

Therefore, when my father passed away, I was angered that God had not 'saved' him. Growing anger diminished my relationship with God. Gradually, restlessness took residence within my heart. At this time, St. Basils was my parish.

Shortly after, I moved and subsequently changed parishes. The restlessness had now grown by leaps and bounds. Then one day, I started volunteering at St. Philip Neri chapel. That was the start of my journey which has since included reflective retreats, changing parishes, relinquishing baseless rules, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, teaching kids, dancing with the handicapped and an improved understanding of theology. I have learnt about myself and have a new understanding of God.

My faith and spirituality today are my own and not imposed on me. I regard God as a friend. My relationship with him is childlike and simple. The restlessness has abated and oddly, once again I find myself 'home' at St. Basils.

**SERRA** is the global lay apostolate for vocations.

The Serra Downtown Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning with Mass at 12:10 p.m. followed by lunch and a guest speaker.

Next Date: June 4, 2014

Speaker: **Fr. John Lee Hodgins**, Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

Topic: Journey into unity.

For further information and to reserve a place for lunch and presentation please contact:

C. Hayes at (416.763.2034).

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:** To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult moments.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday night gatherings continue on June 4<sup>th</sup>. **We will discuss Catholic Vocabulary, words and concepts we always use but really do not understand. You are invited to leave your words in the baskets in the back of the church.**

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please see our website for additional information.

### STORIES OF THE SAGES

You may have viewed archives of St. Basil's architectural history on our website, but a parish community is far more than bricks and mortar- it's comprised of sages! Sages are people who gain wisdom through reflection and experience.

We want to uncover and celebrate your **photographs, stories, and testimonies** of life at St. Basil's in our *Stories of the Sages Project*. Email your photographs and/or written stories to [liturgy@stbasilontario.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasilontario.org). These stories may be as long or as short as you like, but we do hope to publish them in some way so that others may be inspired by you. We know you could celebrate your faith anywhere and we want to learn why you call St. Basil's home.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION TWILIGHT

**RETREAT** with Dom Laurence Freeman, O.S.B., on Health, Healing, Wholeness – and Holiness, Monday June 2, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The retreat will be held in St. Michael's College Chapel, beneath St. Basil's Church – enter from courtyard on west side of the church. \$25 per person, payable at the door, no advance registration required. For any other information please contact Clem Sauvé at 416-921-0367.

**This Sunday 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.**

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sunday**

- 9:00 – Louis Corte +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Maria Miller (liv.)
- 4:30 – Lina Fiorese (liv.)

#### **Monday**

- 7:30 – Kyle Nathan Arnold +
- 12:10 – Marguerite Samarelli +
- 5:10 – Peter Williams +

#### **Tuesday – St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

- 7:30 – Frances Goard +
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Roger Fey +

#### **Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Mike Gregoire +
- 12:10 – Vocations
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

#### **Thursday – St. Boniface**

- 7:30 – Annie Bresnihan +
- 12:10 – Mr. Stefan and Mrs. Anna Papez +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

#### **Friday**

- 7:30 – Sister Elizabeth Schvett, IBVM +
- 12:10 – Eileen Devlin and Michael Rowe +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

#### **Saturday**

- 5:00 – Margaret Mahoney (liv.)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Marina Kazakis 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, especially Rev. Thomas Mailloux, CSB. (Former Pastor).**



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