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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.



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St. Basil's Church, Toronto

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.

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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

The Smallest of Seeds
Tina Sibbald

The connections between Ezekiel, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, and Mark's Gospel were not immediately evident to this brand new Catholic, but, on closer examination, they have worked together to inspire in me both wonder, and an understanding of God's promise that He has much to teach me this summer if I just slow down, shut up and listen for a while.

Ezekiel and Mark both contain references to Church growth, but it is interesting that 2 Corinthians talks about our personal relationship with God and His Church. It occurs to me that I must become stronger in my individual relationship with Him in order to effectively do my small part to strengthen the collective that is St. Basil's.

The summer season is upon us, and people often have the chance to escape for a couple of months from being programmed to the point of autopilot seven days a week. What an opportunity to just "hang out with God" in a nice shady spot under a big tree, and become re-acquainted in a real way.

Until recently, it had been many years since I've looked at my Bible. I always had difficulty figuring out just how to read it and apply it to my life. Where do I start? The real eye opener for me was picking up a copy of the Sunday Missal and starting there. It does so much more than simply allowing me follow along during Mass so that I don't look like such a newcomer to the rest of you. It has made me hungry for God's word, and by looking at the readings for the approaching Sunday, my heart can become fertile ground for the smallest seed to be planted.

This little companion to my Bible will constantly be with me this summer, and regardless of whether I make it to every week's Mass, it will cause me to spend time getting to know God in a new and more real way than ever before.

READINGS: *Ezekiel 17. 22-24, 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, Mark 4.26-34*

THE WAIT IS OVER!

Reliable sources claim that Pope Francis is releasing his highly anticipated encyclical "Laudato Sii" this coming week.

"Laudato Sii" translates as "Be Praised" and is taken from St. Francis of Assisi's 'Canticle of the Sun.' The encyclical will likely give more insight into how we are to take stewardship of the Earth as our shared home.

St. Basil's will mark the release of this encyclical by hosting a reception and discussion.

Stay tuned for details on our guest speaker and date of the event.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 7, 2015 \$ 6, 145.25

FAMILY MASS AND YOUTH CHOIR

The last Sunday of each month during the 12 Noon mass, we will celebrate the Eucharist for families with children. Children will be encouraged to serve as Lectors, Ushers and Alter servers. Father Chris will deliver a homily directed to the children, though still be a helpful reflection on the scriptures for adults as well.

If you are interested to have your children serve during this Mass, please contact Emily at the office.

We also hope to give children a chance to lead our congregation in song in the form of a youth choir, which will minister a few times during the year (just to get started). We have set a goal for the first lead to occur the last Sunday of August during the Noon Mass. If you are interested please contact JP at the main office.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:
BUILDING THE CHILDREN'S ATRIUM**

We are beginning a summer project to build a "Children's Atrium" (a space where 0-6 year olds will learn and be practically catechized). Some materials need to be made, and we need your skills to make them!

If you have a special knack for:
woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, painting/drawing/sketching, or crafting please contact Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org, and she will schedule a consultation with you. We have lots of instructions and blueprints to help with the building of these materials, and the Basil's Team is willing to answer any questions you might have!

**SYMPOSIUM ON EUTHANASIA
AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**

June 23 - 1:00 pm
University of St. Michael's College, Alumni Hall Rm. 100121 St. Joseph St., Toronto Symposium on the topic, "How to respond to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide." Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; Larry Worthen, Executive Director, Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada; and Charles Lewis, retired journalist at the National Post, will be speaking on The Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision. Two sessions are being offered to the public and clergy: 1 to 3 p.m.7 to 9 p.m. There is no charge to attend the symposium, but you must register online at <http://bit.ly/powertoendlife>. CONTACT: Matthew Sanders EMAIL: msanders@archtoronto.org PHONE: 416-934-3400, ext. 640

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

This past week, parishioners gathered to discuss “Community” by Peter Block. Though there will be more coming from this discussion, here are some thoughts to think about.

“A vibrant church community is a place of welcome and laughter, of healing and hope, of friends and family and justice and new life. It’s where the homeless drop in for a bowl of soup and the elderly stop by for a chat. It’s where one group is working to help drug addicts and another is campaigning for global justice. It’s where you will find people learning to pray, coming to faith, struggling with temptations, finding new purpose, and getting in touch with a new power to carry that purpose out. It’s where people bring their own small faith and discover, in getting together with others to worship the one true God, that the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts.” – NT Wright. (*The Next Christians by Gabe Lyons*)

“Some people think if we can make Christianity cool again, everyone will want in. Of course, people want to be liked, accepted, and respected by our peers, but unfortunately with this view, Christians overlook the inherent problem in their attempt to relate to culture – trying to be relevant makes them cultural followers, not cultural leaders.” – (*The Next Christians by Gabe Lyons*)

“Restorative community is created when we allow ourselves to use the language of healing and relatedness and belonging without embarrassment. The essence of a restorative community is not economic prosperity or political discourse or the capacity of leadership; it is citizens’ willingness to own up to their contribution, to be humble, to choose accountability and to have faith in their own capacity to make authentic promises to create an alternative future. In other words, it is the context in which each citizen chooses to be accountable rather than entitled.

Restoration is about healing our woundedness – in community terms, healing our fragmentation and incivility.” – (*Community by Peter Block*)



June 14th – 20th

Sunday

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins Families
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Angelina Ottaviani +

Monday

- 7:30 – Angelina Rufino Lavado +
- 12:10 – Magdalena Benemerito +
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Jose Martin Raposo +
- 12:10 – Kyle Nathan Arnold +
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Tinella Family
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica & Mary Gannon +,+,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Maria Jose DaSilva +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – James Edward Penic +
- 12:10 – Joao Desa +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Honesto G. Nicandro +

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Domenic Capiello.



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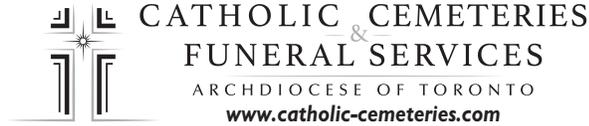
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