

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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:	Rashaan Allwood
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### Receive with Joy

By: Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ this weekend, I am reminded of being seven years old and being so excited to receive my First Holy Communion. I wore a beautiful white dress. I had a wreath of baby's breath in my hair. I processed into the church with my classmates and listened as attentively as I could to what the priest was saying. When it was time to receive the Eucharist I stood in line and waited patiently for MY turn. I watched the priest place the Eucharist in my hands and ate it right away like I was told. I was only a child, but I knew that this was the beginning of a whole new relationship with Christ.

This Easter I was blessed with the opportunity to be a sponsor for one of the R.C.I.A candidates at St. Basil's. On the night of the vigil I watched with joy and awe as he was baptized, as he was sealed with the Holy Spirit, as five priests laid their hands on his head, and finally, I stood beside him as he received the Eucharist for the first time. To be able to watch him have a personal encounter with Christ was a blessing. He, and all those who were received into the church that night, now join us at the table of the Lord every week. They began the R.C.I.A process in

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October and they have been transformed. They continue to be transformed.

So often we become too comfortable with the rituals of the mass. We are not always aware that when we are presented with the Body of Christ and say, "Amen," we are saying, "Yes! I believe! I will receive this bread and I will go out into the world and be a witness for others of the love of Jesus Christ." That "Amen," must come from the heart, with awe, and with the same joy we felt when we received the Eucharist for the first time. Each time we receive the Eucharist we receive new life, it is like our First Communion, like the Easter Vigil, all over again. We have the chance each time to die to our old ways and allow Christ to enter even deeper into our hearts, to transform us and cleanse us.

May our hearts be open this week as we acknowledge the sacrifice Christ made for us and may we have the courage to say, "Amen," with joy and an open heart.

**READINGS:** *Exodus 24.3-8, Hebrews 9.11-15, Mark 14.12-16, 22-26*

### **Book Club: Community by Peter Block**

As Fr Chris says, "The Holy Spirit is restless and is never satisfied."

Based on the response at the extended Vigil on Saturday, May 23rd, the conversation ignited by *Community: The Structure of Belonging* is just beginning.

To be part of the next phase of this discussion, meet in the **Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00pm.**

### **QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS**

We can observe the Fourth Commandment by loving visits to our aging grandparents.

### **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](mailto: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!

### **INFLUENCES THAT SHAPE OUR PERSONALITIES: SELF-FORGIVENESS & TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER**

June 20 - 9:30 am

Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th Floor, 1155 Yonge St., Toronto Catholic Family Services of Toronto New Beginnings invite you to a talk entitled, "Influences that Shape our Personalities: Self-forgiveness and trying to understand the other." Josephine Lombardi, PhD, author and Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, will be the speaker. Reservation for this event is necessary. phone: 416-921-1163, ext. 2235

**QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST**

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. During this special solemnity, we are given the opportunity to reflect on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. The following quotes illustrate the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic tradition and how the gift of Christ's body transforms our lives and worship:

"Faith is necessarily ecclesial; it is professed from within the body of Christ as a concrete communion of believers. It is against this ecclesial backdrop that faith opens the individual Christian towards all others." -Lumen Fidei

"Celebration of the Eucharist must lead to charity. When we receive Christ," the Pope added, "the love of God expands in our innermost self, modifies our heart radically and makes us capable of gestures that, by the expansive force of good, can transform the life of those that are next to us. [...] A celebrated Eucharist imposes on us and at the same time renders us capable of becoming, in our turn, bread broken for brothers, coming to meet their needs and giving ourselves" -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"When St. Augustine would give communion to someone for the first time, instead of saying, "The Body of Christ", he would say "Receive what you are." -Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in *Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist*

"Are the wine and bread in the Eucharist really changed into Christ's Body and Blood? Yes! This is the mystery of faith, the promise of the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ. The more we understand and experience this mystery, the more we understand and experience of how much we do *not* understand or experience. If you found that sentence hard to follow, you have an idea of the depth of the mystery into which we are called to participate." -Richard Fragomeni in *The Eucharist*

"The Eucharist, as sacrifice, invites us to become like the kernels of wheat that make the bread and the clusters of grapes that make up the wine, broken down and crushed so that we can become a part of communal loaf and single cup. It invites us to become the bread of brokenness and the cup of vulnerability." -Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in *Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist*

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, May 31, 2015

\$ 5,920.00



**June 7 – 13, 2015**

**Sunday – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

- 9:00 – Eulogio Potes Jr. +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Anne Gregoire +
- 4:30 – Mary Brown +

**Monday**

- 7:30 – Mila, Joseph Miguel & Family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Michael Corridan +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Tinella Family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Adam Ross +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Rose Marrin +
- 12:10 – Cecilia D'Sa +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday – St. Barnabas**

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Lionel Gonsalves +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- 7:30 – Sr. Brenda Duncombe +
- 12:10 – Lilia M. Tolentino +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday – St. Anthony of Padua**

- 5:00 – Catherine & Felix Mangan +,+

**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.**

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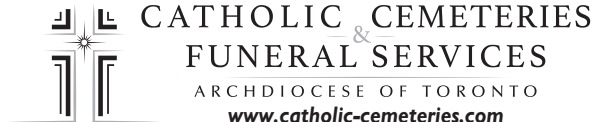
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