

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

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 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

A Father's Trust By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

Our readings for this weekend are centered around our ability to trust God, especially when times get tough. Our first reading finds Job in the middle of his dialogue with God. In response to Job's accusatory questions, God reminds Job (quite poetically) that nothing is outside of God's understanding. But then the obvious question arises: if God is so loving and concerned, then why doesn't God prevent such hardships?

It is the same question Jesus' apostles ask as they are caught in the middle of the storm at sea: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Of course, we know that God does care, but how else do we learn how to trust? More specifically, how do we learn how to trust in love more than power?

History tells us that humanity's default action is to control the situation rather than be transformed by it. However, we are capable of much more when we learn to trust in a power greater than our own. Thus, our task is to find the people that can help us put that to practice.

Perhaps it is fitting that this weekend is Father's Day weekend. Admittedly, I was blessed, for my father is one of those men that embodies the kind of trust I am describing. He is far from perfect, but he is a man of deep faith and trust in God. At the same time, I don't know many people who work so hard. He drilled into my brother and I that you do everything you can and then let God take care of the things you cannot.

There were several times when his trust in God was challenged. As many of you know, my mother has been sick almost all my life. I have many memories of hospital waiting rooms – some when Dad cried on my shoulder; and others when I cried on his. As capable as he is, he never had a problem asking for help from others; and there were many times when we needed it.

Looking back, I think Dad learned how to trust God by learning how to trust the people around him. For Dad, angels were not the cherubs we see in paintings, they were people like Pete and Debbie, Ron and Teresa, Carlos, Bud and others. I have no doubt that they would say the same about him – because trust also means letting others trust you, and you trusting in yourself. Perhaps after all that, we may finally learn to trust in God, our Father in Heaven.

Readings: *Job 38.1-4, 8-11, 2 Corinthians 5.14-17, Mark 4.35-41*

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL TEMPORARY CLOSURE

This past week, the Archdiocese made a decision to close St. Michael's Cathedral effective immediately. I would like to welcome all those who may be joining our community this weekend from the Cathedral. If there is anything either myself, or this community can do to make your presence here more comfortable, please do not hesitate to make those requests known.

I also ask everyone to keep all those working on the Cathedral in your prayers, especially their pastor, Fr. Michael Busch. No priest ever asks to take on renovations – especially in historic buildings. Fr. Busch has risen to the most difficult of tasks and certainly needs our prayers for wisdom and endurance.

Below is the official statement from the Archdiocese, which all parishes were encouraged to print in their bulletin.

St. Michael's Cathedral, mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto, is temporarily closing its doors as part of its extensive restoration efforts that have been ongoing for the past three years. The next phase of restoration will require its closure full-time to allow for work that will preserve the cathedral for years to come.

Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated in St. John's Chapel, a small worship space accessible from 200 Church Street.

Nearby, St. Paul's Basilica will provide additional weekend Masses beginning in July, featuring music from St. Michael's Choir School to accommodate the cathedral closure. Please visit www.stmichaelscathedral.com for additional resources.

A timeline has been forecast as follows:

June 17, 2015 – mid-December 2015 - full closure of St. Michael's Cathedral.

- Mid-December 2015 – January 2016 - cathedral will open briefly pre/post-Christmas.
- January 2016 – March 2016 - full closure of St. Michael's Cathedral.
- March 2016 – September 2016 - cathedral will open prior to Holy Week and Easter, remaining open while work continues through September 2016.
- September 29, 2016 – goal to complete this phase of restoration. This date is also the Feast of St. Michael, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE –

From June 1 until the Tuesday after Labour Day, St. Basil's will adopt a summer schedule for weekday Masses. During this time there will be no regular 5:10 Mass during the weekdays. All other Masses will occur as usual.

During this time, Fr. Chris will be seeking input from the community about the weekday Mass schedule. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please do not hesitate to speak to him about them.

“LAUDATO SI” – THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENCYCLICAL

St. Basil’s will mark the release of this encyclical by hosting a reception and discussion June 23 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Fr. Chris will facilitate the discussion.

It is our hope that parishioners will go online and begin to read the encyclical for themselves and come to the discussion with questions and comments.

For more information, contact Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org.

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.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Summer is here. We hope that you enjoy your summer. Many parishioners will be taking well-deserved vacations and will not be in the area for weeks. Please remember that St. Basil’s depends on your voluntary donations, to meet all of its basic financial obligations. Unfortunately, there is no vacation from bills. If you are going to be out of town, please try your best to leave or send St. Basil’s your donations, or consider using P.A.G. (Pre-Authorized Giving). P.A.G. allows you to support St. Basil’s when you are away and provides us with a regular, dependable flow of contributions, especially over the summer holiday period. If you would like to know more about P.A.G., or would like to sign up for it now, you can pick up a registration form from the back of the church or from the Parish Office, or you can download a copy directly from our website www.stbasiltoronto.org.

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 14, 2015 \$4,683.31



June 21 – 27, 2015

Sunday

- 9:00 – Emilio & Licia Cipriani ++
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Luigi Ciavarella +
- 4:30 – Maria Angela Bignoli & Alberta Oscar Puy ++

Monday

- 7:30 – Maria Elizabeth Myung & Family, in Thanksgiving

- 12:10 – Andrew Esherick +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Rosemarie Henze
- 12:10 – Bryan Herd +

Wednesday – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 7:30 – Evelyn & John Selmar
- 12:10 – Violet Siegfred +

Thursday

- 7:30 – Dina & Bong Uniana & Family
- 12:10 – James Havey, Eleanor McBride +

Friday

- 7:30 – Jim Sibbald +
- 12:10 – Carlos Lugo Aguilar +

Saturday

- 5:00 – John Oldaker +

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

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