

# 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

### "Daughter, your faith has made you well" By Leanna Cappiello

You may have noticed that there is a "short version" and an "extended version" of today's Gospel. Whether or not you hear this extended version at Mass today, take a quick look at Mark 5:21-43.

The shortened gospel excludes the story of the hemorrhaging woman. But to me, brings an interesting insight into Jesus character, and also says a great deal about what the role of faith looks like for us.

"Who touched my clothes?" In Luke's account of the same story, Jesus actually says, "Who touched me?" I can only picture a slightly confused, perhaps slightly amused, Jesus. The whole anecdote is miraculous: on his way to heal a 12-year-old girl, Jesus is followed and "pressed in on" by a crowd. During his commute, a woman who has been suffering from excessive bleeding for years (... years!) merely brushes his cloak and is instantly made free of this ailment by her faith. "Your faith has set you free, go in peace."

The humour in all of this is that he was just walking the streets, and this woman -probably

crawling to avoid being seen - barely brushes the hem of his cloak and is healed from a serious 12-year chronic health issue. It seems that Jesus didn't even see her, let alone intend to heal her directly. And yet, it happens because of her belief and desire to be healed.

The disciples actually comment on how the crowd was pressing in on Jesus from all sides, how can he *suddenly* realize that someone has touched him? But only one person touched him with the intention of receiving grace. This woman wanted to be healed, and believed she would be. She said, "yes please" and accepted the grace that was so readily available from Jesus. We should remember this story as we approach Jesus ourselves: with the same confidence in his healing power.

**READINGS: Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 / 2 Corinthians 8.7, 9, 13-15 / Mark 5.21-43**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!**

The parish office will be closed on Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be one Mass only at 9:00 a.m. and no confessions.

**SUNG MASS ON MONDAY**

There will be a special sung Mass at 12:10pm on Monday, June 29, for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. We look forward to celebrating with you these two great saints of the Church.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:  
ATRIUM PROJECT PROGRESS**

We have had many projects on the go already for our Children's Atrium, thank you!

We are currently in need of...

- an artist to paint faces onto 4 1/2" wood figurines (15 faces)
  - someone creative to sew simple clothing for 4/12" figurines (15 outfits)
  - a woodworker to build a mini chasuble stand, a small lectern, and/or a small altar table
  - someone to draw and assemble pictorial prayer cards
- Detailed instructions and support provided.

Contact Leanna at [lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org) if you are interested in any of these projects.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES REGROUPING**

This past week, the four social justice ministries participated in a round-table style meeting in the hope of (1) understanding how to leverage the resources of the parish to meet the unique challenges of each ministry, and (2) look for opportunities to offer a more comprehensive, systemized level of care for those in need.

The four ministries (St. Vincent de Paul, Out of the Cold, Miller Group, and John Ford First Sunday Food Drive) were all well represented and each spoke of the significant increase in demand for their service and the consequent difficulty experienced in meeting the diverse community outreach needs within our parish boundaries. Each also recognized the difficulty of conveying the stories of their work and those they serve, and will work to improve this in the future.

Collectively, the group decided that the parish should refocus the efforts of the John Ford Food Drive to the direct needs of the parish. When John Ford began this ministry, he did so not taking for granted that he was able to eat a good meal each week, while others in the parish and local community could not. A man that was well known for his voice will continue his legacy and work for charity as we use the Food Drive as a monthly opportunity to convey specific stories of parishioners serving others in a spirit of hospitality; and to collect food and other items for the parish's Social Justice Ministries. This means that when you give to the John Ford Food Drive, your donations of food and cash will no longer be directed to the Daily Bread Food Bank; rather, they will "stay within the family" and support the good work of parishioners helping the less fortunate of our community.

More will be developing as the Social Justice Ministries continue to change in order to grow. In the meantime, we hope you look forward to hearing the previously unknown stories of mercy and love made possible by you, our generous St. Basil's parishioners.

If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to Fr. Chris.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, June 21, 2015

\$5,308.20

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

Last 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.

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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](http://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.

**JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

Next 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.

**SUMMER BULLETIN**

**During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**



**June 28 – July 4, 2015**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 – Fr. Jim Ruth, O.S.F.S. +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Frank Duff +
- 4:30 – Mamie Berry +

**Monday – Sts. Peter and Paul**

- 7:30 – Lucien D'Sa +
- 12:10 – Jean Fournier +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Leonardo Fernandez Sr. +
- 12:10 – Armando Santos +

**Wednesday**

- 9:00 – Special Intentions of Donor

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Rev. Alexander Barna +
- 12:10 – Visitacion S. Santos +

**Friday – St. Thomas**

- 7:30 – Olga Beres Barna +
- 12:10 – Vocations

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Frank & Mike Gregoire ++

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Koval'skyj, 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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