

# 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: 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

## HELP FROM THE HEAVENS.....

by Lucinda M. Vardey

Saints Peter and Paul have left us numerous gifts of direction, knowledge, understanding and hope. One of these gifts is Peter's acknowledgment of the fullness of who Jesus is "...the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds that this revelation was not personally contributed by Peter but was guided by "my Father in heaven." In other words, we do not come to the wisdom of truth by ourselves: we are led by the Holy Spirit in ways that are sometimes simple, sometimes awe-inspiring and sometimes plain miraculous.

There is much evidence in scripture of when the invisible makes visible the powers that are there to help us. These come not necessarily through magnificent events, such as Peter's release from jail, but by subtle, frequently small signs and experiences that break through when least expected. Angels in the guise of strangers are known to visit when the need is greatest- as when Elijah saved a starving widow's life by sharing a few cakes of oatmeal.

The faith of our saints provide us with many examples of when God's invisible hand

touches our material reality. St. Teresa of Avila professed that she frequently found God present "among the pots and pans," of daily activities. Like Paul's claim of the continual presence of Jesus who "stood by me and gave me strength" such can be our assurance. Peter and Paul show us what is indeed possible when you wholeheartedly believe that "Jesus is the Master of the Impossible." (Bl Charles de Foucauld).

Today's readings: Acts 12.1-11, 2.Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16.13-19

**Newlywed Potluck**

Spend an evening with your fellow couples, both newly married and newly engaged! Bring a dish to share that feeds 5-7. Saturday, July 12th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Email Leanna at [lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org) with any questions.

See you there!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked in front of the Church before and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 5th, and the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 4:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, July 6th, and will be collecting donations of men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, boots toys, bedding, drapes etc. Please note: NO mattress, baby furniture, or appliances will be accepted.

**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.

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> \$5,836.60

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!**

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



**SUMMER BULLETIN**

**During the summer the parish bulletin will be published every other week. The next bulletin will be Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:**

There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

A performance group is forming at St Basil's! Join Leanna Cappiello and Kristen Sehn as they gather to rehearse scenes, sing melodies, and choreograph dances to prepare for a short Mixed Art Show at the end of the summer. All artists and parishioners are encouraged to join in. No experience required, just bring your creative energy. We will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm in the Parish Hall.

**SENIORS GENTLE FITNESS GROUP**

This summer in our parish hall there will be a Seniors Gentle Fitness group meeting. The drop in class will take place on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. starting June 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing until the end of August (no class August 4<sup>th</sup>). Drop in fee is \$7.00 per class. Please wear proper shoes and comfortable, loose clothing.

**STORYTELLING AT ST. BASIL'S CHURCH**

By: Rosemary i. Ferrer

I'm no sage. I'm just an ordinary woman with eleven siblings. I am the eldest of 12 children. We're poor in material things but not wanting anything. Our needs were met daily with my father's meager income as a draftsman in a Shipyard company managed by the Americans. In the midst of our poverty, I remembered that faith, as a Catholic family was particularly present in our daily routine.

Being the eldest service was part of my childhood upbringing. ...I've learned that faith has to be shared. Now at this time, my faith had another dimension with my students at St. Alphonsus' Catholic School administered by the Benedictine Nuns and the Missionary of the Sacred Heart priests (M.S.C.) as a young teacher at twenty. They influenced my faith journey so beautifully that my faith had a face or faces. *God became personal to me* that I wanted to be one with Him. It was a yearning. I wasn't aware of what went on in my life. I was restless. Restlessness came at peace when the congregation of the Good Shepherd Sisters (RGS) became the answer to that longing for God for two years. God journeyed with me continuously.

He, who knows who I was and who I am, kept me aware of the beauty of the soul of His creation. God's ownership of my past, present and of my future was punctuated with an experience that only He could have planned. It was my *motherhood* to a 9 lbs -1 ounce baby boy in 1982. It was a beautiful experience. The Lord gifted me with a beautiful son later in my life. We were a team. The "mother and son" team during his early years in Toronto became a household name to those who knew us. In all our family activities most especially in our church ministries we journeyed together.

One moment in our lives however, like everyone else, the dark night of our faith came twice. First, when unexpectedly, I was sick with cancer my son was there for me as my strength, support- comforted and loved me only a mother could have needed while sick in bed. Our faith did not waver. God did not abandon us.

We continued to journey together. When Fr. Chris challenged us on how we move on after the resurrection.....I moved on -thus, St. Basil's became a "*Home to move into.*" *That is spiritually speaking! Praise God!*

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Are you interested in becoming part of our team of altar servers? We need your help! Training is provided and no former experience is required- just a willingness to learn and a spirit of service. Please contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) for more details and to arrange a training date.



**June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday – Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

- 9:00 – Luis Nieto +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Sterling and Patricia Wilson +,+
- 4:30 – Elizabeth and Stanley Lee (liv.)

**Monday**

- 7:30 – Gregoria Cannan +
- 12:10 – Anthony and Wanda Aleksandrowicz +,+
- 5:10 – Mario Valent +

**Tuesday**

- 9:00 – George Prassas +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Visitacion Santos +
- 12:10 – Precy Gonsalves +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday – St. Thomas**

- 7:30 – Maura Harris +
- 12:10 – Rosemary McCormick +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**


- 7:30 – Lily and Yin Ling Wong +,+
- 12:10 – Mike Gregoire +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Margaret Mahoney (liv.)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, 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 Franca Pifarelli and Angela DiMascio Ottavani.**



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