

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)
Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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.

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
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Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

OUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

by Lucinda M. Vardey

Many of us carry around lists of the needs of all the people, projects and problems we ask God to solve. We light candles in church, we pray the rosary, we have Masses said, and we ask others to join us in our intentions.

For beginners in prayer, it is quite common to give up asking, hoping and believing, when nothing seems to be happening in response to our efforts. For those who have experienced prayers answered, time and time again, know that it is not what you pray for, but how you pray that makes the difference.

Guidance in prayer can be gleaned from today's readings recounting Elijah's petitions, which brought a dead child back to life, and Jesus' compassionate action, aroused from the tears of a bereft mother and widow at Nain. Two key elements about prayer emerge from these

stories: one is believing in the power of God's intercession through persistence, and the other is to let our hearts be moved and involved in our petitions.

Prayer that is heard is, naturally, prayer that is deeply felt, with great reverence and love, the sort of prayer that requires commitment: perhaps the taking of a pilgrimage or a few days on silent retreat, or a novena, or sacrificing one's own time to necessitate the benefit of another.

Love cannot give up, so praying in love always reaches the heart of God and creates the conditions for God indeed "to look favourably on his people." (Luke 7:16)

Sunday's Readings:
1 Kings 17.17-21a-22-24
Galatians 1.11-19
Luke 7.11-17

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY IS BACK!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support our special works in the community. Please bring your donations to their truck for the upcoming **Bundle Up weekend** on **June 18 and 19**. Volunteers will be on hand to offer assistance with your items before and after each Mass that weekend. *Remember, *please do not bring items until the specified Bundle Up weekend. Only then will we have a truck on site.*

PRESENTING MAGDALA:

"TOWARDS AN INTRINSIC FEMININE THEOLOGY"

Join Leanna and Emily on **Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00pm in the parish hall** as they offer you the presentation they gave in Rome at an international seminar based on the development of a theology of women. Leanna and Emily will also share photos of their presentation and pilgrimage and will facilitate a discussion.

No pre-registration is required and light refreshments will be served.

BACKYARD TRIVIA

As part of our "Summer Nostalgia Series," St Basil's presents: **BACKYARD TRIVIA!**

Join us in Scollard Park, the small greenspace attached to the West wall of St Basil's, on **Thursday, June 9th at 7:00-9:00pm**. Brush up on your geography, history, sports & leisure, religion, and pop culture to prepare! Your hosts **Doug Fraser** and **Leanna Capiello** will greet you upon arrival and shepherd you through the evening:

7:00- Teams of 3-4 will be formed! Meet new people.

7:15 - 8:00- Trivia, Round 1

8:00 - 8:15- Break to be "social"

8:15 - 9:00- Trivia, Round 2

9:00- Winning Team announced! Surprise prize awarded.

All are welcome - invite your friends!

ORGAN CONCERT: ACROSS THE CHANNEL

On **Friday, June 17, at 7:30pm**, Director of Music & Principal Organist John Paul Farahat presents a concert of organ music featuring composers with connections to France and England (with a brief pass through Germany). In addition to works by Pierre Du Mage (1674 - 1751), Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937), and J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750), the concert will include the electrifying Toccata by Jean Guillou (b. 1930), as well as Herbert Howell's (1892 - 1983) Rhapsody no. 3 and Healey Willan's (1880 - 1968) monumental Introduction, Passacaglia, and Fugue.

Admission is free, donations are welcome towards the maintenance and restoration of the 1919 Casavant Frères organ of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish. Please contact JP at johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca for more information. This recital is in partial fulfilment of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Toronto (Recital II of III).

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Two weeks ago, I invited you into a conversation about our Family of Faith Campaign performance. I am thankful for the many responses I have received.

As I heard from a number of people, there were two consistent messages: First, there is general confusion about where the money goes or what it will be used for.

So here is what you need to know: Family of Faith is over and above all the other collections you are used to experiencing, and the Archdiocese is hoping you make a gift to this campaign specifically without decreasing amounts you already give on a regular basis. This means Family of Faith is not the same as our regular collection for the operations of St. Basil's Parish, nor is it the same as our own restoration/community capital fund, nor is it the same as ShareLife, nor is it the same as any of the other second collections throughout the year.

This parish has also been focused on its own "capital campaign" for nearly two decades. Though we do not have all of the funds we need to do all of the work we need to accomplish, the Archdiocese has come to us now to help with a different and equally important task; which we do our best to meet because we are part of the Archdiocese and they have asked this of us. At the same time, you can only give what you can give. I cannot stand here and demand this of you- especially when I am aware of this parish community's incredible generosity. But if you have the ability to make a contribution, over and above the rest, then I ask you to give for those who cannot and to support those parishes that cannot support themselves. Together, our gift is made out of our abundance – and we thank God for the ability to do so.

The second message I heard concerned communications. Some parishioners have told me that they thought I would be making personal phone calls or writing more letters. While we did try to form a committee, there were too many limitations to make an impact and we quickly heard that parishioners wanted to hear from me personally.

Please know that if you call or write, I will respond, but I am only one person, and more of anything means sacrificing something, so please consider this the letter – the phone call – the ask.

Lastly, we all understand that people need time to plan their finances, which is why the option of pledging is available. If you cannot give now, but want to do so, then this also fulfills our commitment. Again, I am so grateful for all that you do and have done.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, May 29, 2016 \$6,463.10



MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 5th - 11th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo Hedley Fitch (+) Katrina Teh (liv.)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Norbert Joseph & Lola MacNeil (+) Eileen Devlin & Michael Rowe (+,+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Anne Gregoire (+) Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+) and Paul Moore (+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Kyle Nathan Arnold (+) Stefan & Anna Papez and Robert Crilly (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Ephrem Pro Populo Michael Viechweg (+), Edwin Tomas (+), and Ann Breslin (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Souls in Purgatory Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Saint Barnabas Felisa Mosende (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Marina Kazakis, Betty Hill, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, and Gerald Guest.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Howard Shaughnessy, Ann Breslin, and Luz Manalo.

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