

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 - 8:30 pm)

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

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

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Rev. Chris Valka, CSB

Today marks the great Feast of Pentecost. Spiritually, it is one of the great three feasts of the year alongside Christmas and Easter. It is the birthday of the Church; the day we receive all that we need to continue the work of Christ here and now.

However, each year Pentecost comes and goes with little fanfare in comparison to the Christmas and Easter, but I am beginning to think it won't be quite the case at St Basil's.

I don't know if you noticed, but the Holy Spirit seems to be moving through these old walls. If I were to mark a moment when I really started to sense it, it would be the beginning of Lent - around the time we started placing our prayers in a basket in the back of the church.

We have started to pray for one another, and in doing so become aware of each other's struggles and blessings. I have to tell you, I have tried this idea at other parishes before, but it never really took off. St. Basil's has been different. Originally, we planned to stop during Lent, and then thought we would continue through Easter.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Now it seems, we should continue for there is nothing more important than a willingness to give and receive the prayers of one another.

This community really did pray its way through Lent and we have sensed a new resurrection during Easter. Now it is time to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have been speaking about the rights, responsibilities, power and trust you have been given. This is YOUR parish, and believe it or not, you are leading the way. Mine has been a response to the voices I have heard about the needs of this community.

So we continue to pray. We pray, "Come Holy Spirit" and we try new approaches as we seek the Spirit's confirmation. We pray as we listen; we pray as we experiment; we pray as we celebrate; we pray as we struggle; we pray as we forgive; and we pray as we welcome so that we may learn how to belong to this great gift of the Church.

Today's readings: Acts 2.1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20.19-23

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, June 1 st	\$5,692.27
ShareLife (3 rd)	\$11,187.80

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 for more information.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

Thank you to all teachers: educating is an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true.

COFFEE HOUR TAKES A SUMMER BREAK

This Sunday is the last 10:30 a.m. coffee hour. We will see you in September. Thank you to all those who helped to ensure we had coffee and goodies this past year, and a special thanks to Sally Lianko for overseeing this important ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday night gatherings continue on June 11th. For discussion topic please check our website www.stbasiltoronto.org. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please see our website for additional information.

No Boundary

By Thomas Merton

In the deepest ground of our being
we still hear the insistent voice
which tells us:

"you must be born again."

There is in us an instinct for newness,
For renewal,

For liberation of creative power.

We seek to awaken in ourselves a force
which really changes our lives from within.
And yet the same instinct tells us that this change
is a recovery of that which is deepest,

most original,
most personal
in ourselves.

To be born again is not to become somebody else,
But to become ourselves.

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 16th and continuing until the end of August (no class August 4th). Drop in fee is \$7.00 per class. Please wear proper shoes and comfortable, loose clothing.

VOLUNTEERING FOR MINISTRY

Thank you to all those who volunteered for ministry last weekend. If you missed the homily you can hear it on our website www.stbasiltoronto.org and as well, you can review the different ministries that require volunteers. Please feel free to contact the parish office 416-926-7110 should you seek further information.

ShareLife

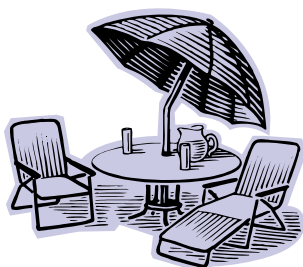
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Parishioners may receive a mailing in the next few days from the parish asking to contribute to the 2014 ShareLife campaign. This letter is sent to parishioners who have not made a contribution to the campaign up to the date of the second collection weekend (April 26-27.) The delay in receiving the mailing is due to the short time line between the second and third collection, and the manipulation of the data and the work required at the mail house to send the letters to our parishioners.

If you have made a contribution to ShareLife since then, we thank you for your generosity. If you have not done so, please consider supporting the work of our Catholic agencies both in our archdiocese and around the world by making a contribution to the 2014 ShareLife campaign before July 31.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office, or the ShareLife office at 416-934-3411.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE



Summer will soon be 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, perhaps even months, at a time. 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 copy of the P.A.G. leaflet from the back of the church or from the Parish Office, or you can download a copy directly from our website www.stbasiltoronto.org.



June 8 - 14, 2014

Pentecost Sunday

- 9:00 – Anne Gregoire +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Lorena Vicente (liv.)
- 4:30 – Molly (Mary Elizabeth) McIlmurray +

Monday

- 7:30 – Katherine +
- 12:10 – Victoria Pascual +
- 5:10 – Joe and Helen Cirra +,+

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Lena Longo +
- 12:10 – Dorelle MacDonald +
- 5:10 – Roger Fey +

Wednesday – St. Barnabas

- 7:30 – Julie, Pedro & Alicia Lobo
- 12:10 – John Patrick King +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Santos Fiel and Carlos Fiel & family
- 12:10 – Magdalena Benemerito +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday – St. Anthony of Padua

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Luigi and Lina Ciavarella +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Alfie Lamb +

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.

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