

# 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:	Rashaan Allwood
Office Manager:	Mary Hopper
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Capiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

The Drama of the Passion  
Leanna Capiello

One thing I love about the Church is that it has been using theatrics to bring scripture to life for centuries. Today, we see our Lord's Passion enacted in front of us.

As a young girl, this was my favorite part of Palm Sunday Mass. Seeing the break in ritual to tell a compelling story. Every year, I would notice something different. And if what we believe is true, scripture is the Word made Flesh. Would it not be fitting to have flesh-and-blood humans take on these *dramatis personæ* ("persons of the drama")?

It is not enough to read stories on our own. Children need stories to be read to them, with voices and actions, to make the tale come to life. For teenagers to understand Shakespearean, it is optimal for them to be exposed to the poetry and prose live on stage, as they were first intended. It is only natural that we see the Passion before our eyes, each role taken on by someone in the community. Perhaps you recognize them. Perhaps you don't.

When you read Mark's account of the Passion

## PALM SUNDAY

what kinds of faces, bodies and physicalities do you imagine? Do you see yourself in any of the characters in today's drama? Do you embody Peter, a loyal companion still struggling with perfect loyalty, in your life currently? Does the character of Pilate, the notorious crowd-pleaser and public figure, resonate with you today? In what ways might you feel like one in the Crowd, chasing the latest social movement?

We hold palms in our hands today to embrace a physical sign of hope and triumph. This is also why we enact the Passion for each other... to breathe life into the story, to take it off the page, so that it becomes just a little more real. It has so much more of an impact when we see the story of Christ enacted by the body of Christ.

**Readings; Mark 11.1-10 or John 12.12-16, Isaiah 50.4-7, Philippians 2.6-11, Mark 14.1-15.47**

### **THE JOHN FORD FOOD COLLECTION**

The John Ford Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank will not be held on the first Sunday of April (April 5th) because that is Easter Sunday. It has been moved to the second Sunday of April (April 12th). Please note that donations of food are welcome once again because we have found a way of delivering it. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

### **TENEBRAE RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

April 1: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Latin for "shadows" or "darkness", the ancient service of Tenebrae was originally celebrated on the early mornings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This evening will feature a condensed version of the service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses, to usher in the beginning of the Triduum. Confessions will be offered during the service for those interested.

### **QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS**

Suffering is a call to conversion: it reminds us of our frailty and vulnerability.

### **GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS**

April 3: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Every year, Communion and Liberation journey with the cross on Good Friday from the Newman Centre to St. Basil's. It is a great way to reflect on the Lord's passion on this holy day.

### **IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 7:30PM:**

#### **ET RESURREXIT.**

The University of Toronto's Oratorio Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards, in concert. The ensemble features singers enrolled in the final year of the Bachelor in Voice Performance program as well as the Advanced Certificate and Master in Voice Performance divisions. The concert will feature Handel's magnanimous work, La Resurrezione, as well as a sampling of additional Resurrection-inspired music by Handel's contemporaries. Come and enjoy the opportunity to experience this emotionally driven work in celebration of Easter. Admission is free, donations welcome to Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

### **SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, March 22, 2015	\$5,826.01
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When he was presented with a top youth achievement award at a recent gala at the Carlu, Kiwayne was only a short distance from the streets where he had been homeless, and a world away. In the building's food court a few years ago, he recalls falling asleep at the table – exhausted – trying to avoid having to go back outside. "I was going down the wrong path and didn't know if I'd live to be 21," he says. But for the past two years since moving into his own place, Kiwayne has been studying construction engineering at George Brown College and working part-time at the Provincial Advocate's Office. Kiwayne grew up in foster care and, at 17, he found himself on the street until a friend told him about Covenant House. "Covenant House gave me stable housing that allowed me to go back to school and learn life skills." says Kiwayne.

**Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**ST. BASIL'S PARISH  
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2015**

**Wednesday, April 1:**

Mass: 7:30 AM  
Confessions: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Mass: 12:10 PM  
Mass: 5:10 PM  
Tenebrae Reconciliation Service: 7:00 PM

**Holy Thursday/Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 2:**

Confessions: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Mass: 7:30 PM  
Adoration: After Mass until Midnight

**Good Friday/The Lord's Passion, April 3:**

Way of the Cross: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
(Beginning at the Newman Centre & ending at St. Basil's. Sponsored by Communion and Liberation)  
Confessions: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
Service: 3:00 PM

**Holy Saturday/The Easter Vigil, April 4:**

Confessions: NONE  
Mass: 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 5:**

Mass: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
There will be NO 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

**Easter Monday, April 6:**

Mass: 7:30 AM  
There is only one Mass on Easter Monday and the office will be closed.  
There will be NO confessions.

After Easter Monday Masses and confessions return to the normal schedule.

**ANNUAL CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS  
LECTURE, ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE**

Sr. Rose Pacatte FSP, "Confessions of a Media Nun,"  
7:30pm Wednesday, April 8, 2015  
Muzzo Family Alumni Hall, Room 400  
121 St Joseph St. Toronto  
For further information, contact  
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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW VIDEO!**

St. Basil's has a new promotional video. We encourage you to check it out on our website under the "About Us" section or on YouTube until the title "St. Basil's Catholic Parish: Goodness, Discipline & Knowledge".



**March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

9:00 – Wilma Fiuisio +  
10:30 – Pro Populo  
12:00 – Wladyslau Zon & Matria Gorlicka +,+  
4:30 – Laura Pearce (liv.)

**Monday**

7:30 – Tom McConkey +  
12:10 – Antonio and Gina Toncredi +,+  
4:00 – Televised Mass  
5:10 – Noy Garcia-Jacob +

**Tuesday**

7:30 – Asuncion Laset +  
12:10 – Balbino Laset +  
4:00 – Televised Mass  
5:10 – Pedro & Crescencia Cabigao +,+  
and Mario Lirio & Rina DeGuzaman +,+

**Wednesday**

7:30 – Michel Papineau +  
12:10 – Uta Ruggeri +  
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass  
5:10 –

**Holy Thursday**

7:30 – Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

3:00 – Good Friday/The Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**

8:00 – Easter Vigil

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Doris Marcon, Ancoretta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath and Marina Kazakis.**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Michael Carlevale and Amilia Petohleb.**



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