

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Harbingers of the Resurrection by Mykola Ge (1867)

St. Basil's Parish is home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to discretely nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, Children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.

We are blessed because you are all here!

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday:
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)
Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

**HAPPY EASTER!
A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

By Chris Valka, CSB

Today (Easter Sunday) marks the defining moment of our faith, our Church, our parish and our lives. Nothing is the same after the resurrection. Christ's triumph is what separates Christianity from all other religions. Look closely at any religion and you will find great teachers and teachings; martyrs and ideas that better humanity, but only one man rose from the dead.

Everything we believe and practice hinges on the resurrection, and so it is fitting that we give this celebration everything we have. I am especially grateful to the many volunteers and ministers who help us to celebrate so well!

I have long thought that good celebrations are an art form – I think this even more as a Pastor of a parish! For those of you who have ever tried to create your own art, you know it is not easy. It takes practice, study and reflection. The deeper I delve into my own faith, the more I am aware of the connection between art and theology; the artist and the theologian.

Though we live in a world where we tend to use words to explain the events that we celebrate today; I think words fall far short of capturing what the life and resurrection of Christ really means. Nor can words give meaning to the suffering of Christ the same way that sign, metaphor, imagery and sound do. Art has a way of transcending our differences and limitations.

Over the past year or so, we have been preparing to implement the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children under the age of six. Just below the sanctuary, we are creating a sacred space for children so that they may learn, on their own terms, the Good News of our relationship with Christ. It has been a massive undertaking, requiring the creation of so many materials precisely so that we don't need so many words to explain what kids intuitively know: that we live in communion with a creator and creation so much bigger than ourselves.

My own preparation and training has helped me to understand that one of the most important gifts we can give our children is a joy for life – a joy that finds its climax at Eastertime. So long as there is a resurrection, then every bit of suffering has meaning, and yet this is so very hard to put into words – rather it is more easily sensed and lived (or better said – celebrated!)

This is what we do here – we learn to celebrate. We give thanks, praise and glory – and this is its own art form. May your celebrations be a work of art, as they reflect the joy of the season and our relationship with the Risen Christ!

*Sunday's Readings: Acts 10.34a, 37-43,
1 Corinthians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18*

EUTHANASIA IN CANADA: DISCUSSION

You are invited to attend a discussion on 'Euthanasia in Canada' on **Wednesday, March 30** hosted by the University of St. Michael's College and the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. The event will be held at **7:00pm in The Coop, Brennan Hall**. The event will feature the Most Rev. William McGrattan, Bishop of Peterborough, and Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada, as speakers. For more information, please contact bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca or call 416-353-4224.

"CHRISTUS"

Join The University of Toronto Oratorio Ensemble, comprised of voice students at the Faculty of Music, returns to Saint Basil's under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30pm in St. Basil's Parish** for a concert celebrating the life of Christ, from His birth through to His death, resurrection, and ascension. Music to include works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Elgar, Rossini, Mozart, among others. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the music program of Saint Basil's. Contact JP Farahat at: johnpaul.farahat@utoronto.ca for more information.

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, **April 2/3**, volunteers will be present in the vestibule after all Masses collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations. Although all contributions are gratefully accepted, our outreach ministries are most in need of the following items:

- Mayo, mustard
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Juice in large container, juice boxes
- Granola bars
- Pudding cups

Thank you for your continued generosity! Our parish's outreach ministries are able to do incredible work meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our neighbourhood because of your support.

JESUIT VOLUNTEERS CANADA

Now Accepting Applications for the 2016/2017 Program

Jesuit Volunteers Canada (JVC) is a year-long renewable service opportunity in which young adults live out the values of Christian spirituality, social and eco justice, community, and simple living. Current placement opportunities include working in First Nations communities, youth programming, community development and outreach, education, food justice, and working with those who experience urban poverty.

Jesuit Volunteers Canada is currently accepting applications for September 2016 with possible communities and work placements in northern Ontario, Toronto and Regina. For more information visit www.jesuitvolunteers.ca or call 519-820-8204. JVC is part of a 50-year movement dedicated to inspiring young adults!

To request an application form, please email: info@jesuitvolunteers.ca. Completed applications are due on MARCH 31st, 2016.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 20, 2016 \$8,242.50



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 27th- APRIL 2nd

Sunday

9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-

Easter Sunday

Pro Populo
Pro Populo
Pro Populo
**No 4:30pm Mass*

Monday

7:30am-

Pro Populo

Tuesday

7:30am-

David Joseph & Maria Elizabeth
Myung and Family
Michael Calderone (+)

12:10pm-

Wednesday

7:30am-

Pro Populo

12:10pm-

Fedele Silano (+)

Thursday

7:30am-

Pro Populo

12:10pm-

Joaquim Russo (+)

Friday

7:30am-

Anna Syjoco (+)

12:10pm

Vocations

Saturday

5:00pm

Antun Sertic (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Hsien Tang Pan Wong, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Sr. Mary Sibbald, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, and Joe Torres.

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