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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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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
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CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

WHAT WAS AND WILL BE

by Lucinda M. Vardey

We usually recognize Jesus' character as caring, compassionate, merciful and patient but today's gospel turns the tables on those assumptions.

Jesus' anger in the temple became corroborating evidence for the Jerusalem authorities against him whose actions could singlehandedly cause enough upset to start a rebellion. But a rebellion of a different sort was already being ignited. What Jesus revealed in the temple just before Passover, was the truth of not only what needed to change, but what was going to change with his impending death and subsequent resurrection. As his was to be the ultimate sacrifice, he was signalling the ending of the old ways and manner of temple rituals and most other things that had got out of control and lost the significance of their sacredness.

The pertinence of this message for us today, is in the importance of being aware of the centrality of Jesus' presence in the sacrificial, not only at Mass and at church but also in what we choose for our souls, how to be with our families, at work and among others.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Are we able to be with Jesus each and every day as our priority over lesser activities and opportunities? Are we reverent to the intimacy of his desires in our hearts? Can we, as St. Thérèse of Lisieux practiced, accomplish everyday ordinary things with extraordinary love?

Entering deeper into Lent gives us opportunities to express our dedication. Through loving the Lord we become closer to him, by being obedient to his call we embrace the newness - and freshness - of a life he promises, a life beyond our imaginings.

READINGS: Exodus 20.1-17; 1Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; John 2.13-25.

BAPTISMS AT ST. BASIL'S

Are you looking to have your son or daughter baptized here at St. Basil's? We now offer a 2 hour long baptismal preparation class, offered on the last Saturday of every month. We discuss the rite of baptism, the meaning of Sacrament, and how to develop a relationship with Jesus as Christian parents. To register for a spot in this upcoming class on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am-12:00pm, please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY , MARCH 19TH:

We will have a special Mass for St. Joseph, our nation's patron saint, at the 12:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Masses (note the 5:10 p.m. Mass that day will not be a TV Mass). We look forward to celebrating with you.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015, 7:30pm: A choir and orchestra concert including Monteverdi's Mass in F and other baroque works in honour of St. Patrick. The choir and soloists of St. Michael's Schola Cantorum, directed by Michael O'Connor; the Musicians in Ordinary led by Christopher Verrette. With Hallie Fishel, soprano. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the University of Saint Michael's College.

LENT AT ST. BASIL'S PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after the 5:10 p.m. Mass
Each week will feature a different meditation from our Tradition.

ADORATION

Every Thursday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

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EARTH HOUR PRAYER SERVICE

March 28 at 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening dedicated to the care of God's creation.

TENEBRAE & RECONCILIATION

April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Latin for shadows or darkness, the ancient service of Tenebrae anticipates the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. This evening features a condensed version of the service, with prayers, readings, and choral music responses to usher in the beginning of the Triduum.

THE SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Toronto Downtown will meet on Wednesday March 18 following the 12:10 parish mass offered for vocations. The luncheon speaker will be Sebastian Gomes, producer at Salt & Light TV. His topic will be "Inside the Synod on Marriage and the Family." Guests are welcome. Contact Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694 for further information

Social Media Fiends

Basil's is generating a serious buzz!
If you take a photo of the Church, have something to say, or want to connect to events and updates, find us on:
Facebook: **St Basil's Church, Toronto**
Twitter: **@StBasil_TO**
Instagram: **@BasilsToronto**
See you online!

PRA YING THROUGH LENT:

The Stations of the Cross: An Introduction

Early Christians prayed the “way of the cross” as an act of discipleship and devotion.

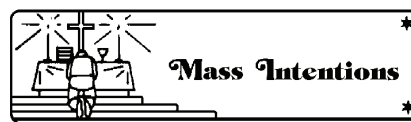
By the late 4th Century, St. Jerome (who ordered and codified the Christian Bible) noted that pilgrims visiting Jerusalem stopped for prayers at various points along the route Jesus took as he bore his cross to Golgotha. Since most people could not make the physical pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Christian monasteries in medieval Europe began to incorporate the “stations” into their artworks, architecture, and landscapes.

The most common ordering of stations (in the sequence we also have on our walls at St. Basil’s) evolved from the Franciscans, who took up custodial duties of the Christian sites in the Holy Land in the 14th century.

Numerous texts for praying the stations of the cross are now available, including many written by saints, and by communities exploring particular issues or charisms. Many people simply pray the stations quietly, adding their stories, suffering, petitions, and love, to story of suffering and love at the heart of Christian faith. As St. Pope John Paul II wrote, the stations are the “unceasing effort to stand beside the endless crosses on which the Son of God continues to be crucified.”

The Stations of the Cross in St. Basil’s were given to the parish in 1877 and repaired and reframed this past year. There are three known copies: in the Cathedral in Sydney Australia, in the Cathedral in Indianapolis and ours. All three are the work of a Parisian woman, Lucille Chovet.

Though you can pray the Stations anytime St. Basil’s is open, organized prayers are after the 5:10 Mass on Friday. Each week features a different version



March 8 - 14, 2015

Sunday

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins families
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Neda Koncar +

Monday

- 7:30 – Manuel and Catarina Cachopo +,+
- 12:10 – Lina Ciavarella +
- 5:10 – Joan Keating (liv.)

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Heinz Oldach +
- 12:10 – Mario Santos Cuyugan & Felicidad Cuyugan (liv.)
- 5:10 –

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Ann Stuart +
- 12:10 – Selwyn Crevelle +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Pat Flood +
- 12:10 – Odette Sequeira +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – Rev. Alexander Barna +
- 12:10 – Robert Mackalski +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Ngar-Yin Chan +

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 Tadeusz Uranowski.

SUNDAY’S OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 1, 2015	\$5,982.05
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