

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 day 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 Cappiello
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ULTIMATE LOVER LEANNA CAPPIELLO

There is no doubt that the word "love" is over-used in our society today. We liberally toss the word around, "I love that decor," "I love a good cigar," "I am in love with this country!" If we are aware of how we use this word, carelessly or consciously, we might know where our hearts lie. And if we are honest with ourselves, many of these places are shallow. Would you really lay your life down for a nice apartment, a down-feather pillow, a slice of pizza? I think we humans are capable of a deeper love than this.

So, what is love? A better question is, "Who is love?" In today's second reading, we hear "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God... for God is love." God isn't just a source of love, He IS love. What does this mean for us?

It means we are invited into a relationship - personally and intimately - with Love itself. Similar to a human relationship, people need communication, affection, care, concern, openness, wonder, a deep longing to just be together.

Jesus knows our human hearts and divine desires, and wants us to receive, learn from, and reciprocate love in return.

One might argue that we can love without knowing a God. And though we might learn to love from other humans (parents, guardians, friends, siblings, partners), this love has a source beyond human understanding. There are times when we will fall short of loving each other. We need an endless bounty from which to draw from to be nourished, encouraged, and loved for ourselves. It is appropriate that we would not seek to know love through an object, place or imaginary thing. Rather, we seek a Being, someone who has lived and still lives. It is only right that we are in relationship with this Love so that we might pour out continuously and without ceasing. What better way to know love but from God who is Love?

The Love we know is radical and unconditional, and we are invited into it. The gospel challenges us to recognize the deeper root of love in God and carry it into our earthly relationships: "to love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

READINGS: *Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4.7-10; John 15,9-17*

BRING US YOUR SKILLS!

In lieu of the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program, we will be starting our work on the children's Atrium this summer... but we need your help:

If you have a special knack for **woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, painting/drawing/sketching, crafting or writing**, please contact Leanna at lcappiello@stbasilontario.org

COFFEE HOUR CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Last Sunday was 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 special thanks to Sally Lianko for overseeing this important ministry

We ended the coffee hour one week early due to problems with our kitchen. As many are aware, our kitchen has had many issues for a while. This past week, we have a health and safety-training seminar for our Out of the Cold Volunteers and it became clear that the current limitations of our kitchen need to be addressed. Because of the nature of our Out of the Cold and Miller Group programs, we will continue to operate those as normal; however, all other uses of the kitchen are being suspended until we can resolve the issues. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Chris.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake on April 24

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Basil's Church – Nepal Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Please keep in your prayers all those affected by this crisis in Nepal.

OFFERTORY

Sunday, May 3, 2015	\$ 4,651.10
3 rd ShareLife Collection	\$ 9,342.50

Basil's Book Club

We are onto our next book study! But this won't be just any book study...

All are welcome to join us in our discussion on *Community: the Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block. Get ready to prepare for and participate in the great feast of Pentecost near the May 24th weekend!

You can purchase your own copy through Indigo or Amazon and join in the discussion.

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS

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Thank you for your generosity. Together we can work wonders!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 22 - starting at 8:00 pm
 Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga). Consider joining a Marriage Enrichment Weekend for married couples focused on improving communication skills, refreshing and renewing your marriage. The weekend is hosted by a team of three married couples and a priest. CONTACT: Gerard and Marge McCauley PHONE: 905-792-1925 EMAIL: gerard.marge@rogers.com

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Sunday

- 9:00 – Matos and Martins families
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Lina Ciavarella +
- 4:30 – Patricia Beresford +

Monday

- 7:30 – Visitacion & Eulogio Potes Sr. & Jr. +,+
- 12:10 – Gayle Madely +
- 5:10 – Teresa DeGrandis (liv.)

Tuesday

- 7:30 – In Thanksgiving
- 12:10 – Carmen D'Cruz +
- 5:10 – Ho family (liv. & dec.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Family of Rudy & Maria Vidovic (liv.)
- 12:10 – Maureen Sewell +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday – St. Matthias

- 7:30 – Mary Fisher +
- 12:10 – Vera Adalat (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – Mr. Stefan & Mrs. Anna Papez +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Charles and Hilda Schime +,+


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

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