

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



Pentecost, 1732 by Jean II Restout

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.

WHERE IT IS AT

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

It is always interesting to me how people describe “the Church.” In fact, it is a worthy experiment I invite you to consider in this moment when we not simply celebrate Pentecost, but the birthday of the Church. Just ask people to describe what comes to mind.

My experience is that while some describe a parish community; others describe the Universal Church. Some see it comforting; others as oppressing. Some find church essential; others believe it has no relevance in the world today.

In his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis wrote, “An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.”

Perhaps it is for this reason that Pope Francis has put so much emphasis on parishes, because this is the “front line”; the place where the Church connects to the lives of the Faithful.

Last year at Pentecost, this parish community took some time to really think about how we connect. We asked parishioners to respond to a series of very specific questions, from which we wrote our “Community Manifesto.” It is online, but I thought I would take a moment to share it with you in this way. As you read it, please do so with gratitude, for even if you are just dropping by, you help bring this community to life and give it new purpose.

At St. Basil’s, we are a community of seekers.
We are one home, one family,
one body with many moving parts.
We are children of God, and Disciples of Christ;
sensitive to the movements of the Spirit.

Join us.

Together we can co-create, grow,
and build even further.

St Basil’s is a place to encounter God.
Here you will find a place of peace and belonging.
A place to bear witness to Truth, to be stretched,
and supported.

Here you will bear witness to your own worthiness, if
only you seek and accept it.

As a community, we have mastered the art of

discussion, sharing, and tending to the “lost sheep.”

As parishioners, we have worked hard to be good
welcomers, journeyers, listeners, and givers.
As an urban parish, we need to work harder at our
sensitivity toward others,
spending time together,
and having the facilities reflect our mission.

As artists, we need not be ashamed of creating.
As alchemists, we need not be afraid of searching.

As agents of change,
we need not apologize for transforming.

St Basil’s is a place where support, participation,
honesty, integrity, and change are upheld.
We have created a space where Goodness,
Discipline and Knowledge thrive,
and where the Catholic Church
and “current culture” meet.

Here is a place where you are recognized.

You:

the most vulnerable,
the face of creation,
the smiling stranger,
the newly baptized,
the newlywed,
the one sitting silently in the pews...

You are seen.

In you, we see the face of God.
As we rise to the challenge of using our
gifts and talents,
stretching our comfort zone,
and offering our “yes” to discipleship...

We invite you to help us go from:

Satisfaction to Action,
Apathy to Energy,
Shame to Forgiveness,
Fear to Confidence,
Consumers to Citizens.

Won’t you join us?

CONGRATULATIONS to our Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday: Will, Elby, Emily, Sebastian, Josiah, Kyra, Jace, Kaitlin, Jessica, and Emily! Additionally, we had the great joy of celebrating Grace and Daniella’s First Holy Communion. Our community will keep you all in our prayers as you grow in relationship with Christ and continually participate in the sacramental life.

SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVING

We have received word that the family the parish is sponsoring from Syria had their interview with Canadian Immigration and is set to arrive in under three weeks time. If you want to assist, we need help with the following things: helping the family to get settled; finding goods to furnish the household; interpreters (Arabic-English); assisting the family with paperwork (SIN, OHIP, bank accounts, etc.); assisting the family to find a family doctor and dentist.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Fr. Chris at chris.valka@utoronto.ca.

DISCUSSION ON EUTHANASIA

Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy is hosting a public discussion entitled, "Get the Facts: Concerns Related to Assisted Death." This talk, on **Monday, May 16 from 6:00-9:00pm** at the Newman Centre (89 St. George Street), will feature a discussion regarding the impacts on mental health, medicine, palliative care, and health science university education on euthanasia. All are welcome- no pre-registration is needed. For more information, please contact sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com.

ONE FINAL MAGDALA BLOG

As many of you know, Leanna and Emily spent the last two weeks away in Italy, presenting at an international seminar called "Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology" in Rome. They heard presentations from passionate female scholars discussing the Feminine genius at work in today's Church.

Among many research based presentations, theirs stood out by its very nature: it was a case study about our parish initiative called 'Magdala.'

Leanna and Emily are very grateful for the loyal readers of their blog! And there's one more post that went up online this past Wednesday. You can read it by clicking the link on our parish website.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, May 8, 2016 \$6,806.35



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 15th - 21st

Sunday

9:00am-
10:30am-
12:00pm-
4:30pm-

Pentecost Sunday

Sestina Gallucci
Pro Populo
Vera Adalat (liv.)
Marian & Zofia Kupfer (+,+)

Monday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Myung Family
Caterina Ciavarella (+)

Tuesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Lorena Vicente (liv.)
Frank, Monica, & Mary Gannon (+,+,+),
Ursula Gleeson (liv.), Rosario Magtoto (+)

Wednesday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

John Angus (+)
Stefan & Anna Papez, James Robert
Crilly (+)

Thursday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
Frances Goard (+)

Friday

7:30am-
12:10pm-

Pro Populo
Luigi & Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

Saturday

5:00pm-

Margaret (Peg) Brooke (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Ann Breslin and David Martin.

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