

# 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  
Social & Community Coordinator: Leanna Capiello  
Sacramental Coordinator: Emily VanBerkum

## CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### What are your gifts?

#### Louella D'Souza

Dan had had enough. He walked out of his cubicle one day and decided that he would never work as an accountant again. While he was good at his job, he felt called to make a bigger impact. After the elation of that decision diminished, he was faced with a conundrum. What would he do? Where would he start? What was he good at? It wasn't long before all semblances of elation had turned to dismay and fear as Dan realized that he was rather clueless over his gifts. In conversations with friends, he discovered that many people stood in the same boat as he.

Over time, he discovered his gifts, focused on strengthening them and went on to employ them exceptionally well.

Today's gospel reading alludes to the importance of using one's gifts well in the service of the Father as opposed to burying and dwindling them away. In the reading, each servant was given a different number of talents 'according to his ability'. When the master returned, the ones who bore fruit well were blessed with greater responsibilities. The consequences for the unproductive servant

were severe for not having done his part and his talent was bestowed upon the one with the best ability. Thus the one who had lived up to his complete potential was provided with handsomely.

To me, there are parallels between Dan's story and the parable of the talents. Like the servants in the parable, Dan was given only as much as he could handle. As he stepped up and utilized his strengths for the greater good, i.e. as he used his 'talents' well, he was given further responsibility and blessed with greater successes.

And so if you were invited to ponder about your gifts, what would you come up with? Do you know your 'talents'? Are you employing them well to serve the Father? And are you living up to your full potential the way the Father would have wanted you to live?

*Readings: Proverbs 31.1-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6; Matthew 25.14-30*

**THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

You are invited to place the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance. All of them will be remembered at daily Masses at St. Basil's during the month of **November**. The book will be located at the front of the church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY @ St. Basil's**

GREAT NEWS....The children's program is up and running!! We have had a few changes this year. The program will now be running at the Sunday 9:00am mass, we are offering \ 2 classes : 3 -5 and 6-10 year olds and we are in the Chapel in the church basement.

All children must be registered for to attend the program, there is a \$5.00 registration fee to cover costs and one parent must actively participate in the program. Visiting families to church are very welcome to join us on weekends they are with us!

If you would like to register your child(ren), forms are available from the church office or the church website. You can also contact Ann Schnurr, co-ordinator, at [ann\\_schnurr@yahoo.ca](mailto:ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca).

**SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, November 9, 2014

\$7,475.18

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:**

Work is so important for human dignity, for building up a family, for peace!

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

Basil's is forming a Brigade of volunteers to help with various upcoming events. These team members will be primarily involved with hospitality, set-up and tear-down, and event planning. If you'd like to become part of the Basil's Brigade, talk to Leanna after Mass and she will get you started.

A reminder that Basil's Book Club discussion night is this Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Expect some snacks and some good company.

**OPERATION EYEGLASSES**

At the 5pm Vigil and Sunday 9/10:30/12 Masses next weekend (November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>), liberate your drawer space by donating surplus readers, sunglasses, and prescription glasses to the visually disabled. Please use the donation bin in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity as we approach Advent.

**GENTLE FITNESS FOR SENIORS**

By popular demand, our Gentle Fitness Class for seniors is continuing into the fall. Classes are on Wednesdays at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class.

**ADVENT VESPERS**

On Saturday, November 29 at 7:30pm, participate in evening vespers to usher in the advent season, complete with hymns, prayers, and psalms. An interactive dinner experience will follow in the parish hall (donations accepted). All are welcome!



**We are selling Blue Advent reflection books this weekend after all the Masses. Money raised will go to the Community Capital Fund.**



**PAPAL BLESSING SCROLLS**

There is a change in procedure for ordering of the Papal Blessing Scrolls. Effective November 15th, Papal Blessing scrolls will only be available directly from the Vatican, not through the Archdiocese of Toronto. Parishioners will be able to go on line, download the order form, and send directly to the Vatican by fax or mail. The scroll order will be processed and sent to the parishioner directly. Vatican website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va), under the Roman Curia tab, and then the Office of Papal Charities.

**2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2015 Offertory envelopes will be available in the church in December for pick up. In the meantime we would like to update our parish list. If you have moved, changed your phone number, please email the parish office at [office@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:office@stbasiltoronto.org) or call at 416-926-7110 with your changes. Thank you for helping to keep our parish list updated.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Join us every Saturday morning at 9 AM as we pray the official prayer of the church. This time of prayer is held around the Blessed Sacrament with a focus on vocations to the priesthood and the needs of our parish

**Dancing in the Dark**

**“An Evening on Sin and Redemption.”**

November 18, 7-9 p.m.

PRENUP PUB (191 College Street)

“Winter Blues” creeping in? Know the realities of young adults struggling with mental health? Called to be compassionate and supportive?

Come explore this important issue that impacts all of us in one way or another. Our guest speakers will be Nicolaie Atitienei MSW, MPsych, Christian Based Pastoral Counsellor, and Dennis McDermott, BSW, Family Mental Health Counsellor. This event is geared towards young adults age 18-35. Bringing Mental Health into the Light is the first step to break the stigma! PLEASE RSVP for this event by emailing us at [ignite@stpatrickstoronto.ca](mailto:ignite@stpatrickstoronto.ca) For more information, visit [www.stpatrickstoronto.ca](http://www.stpatrickstoronto.ca)

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – 22, 2014**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 – Anne Gregoire +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Conrado Reyes +

**Monday – St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

- 7:30 – Charles Gopaul +
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+,+
- 5:10 – Fr. Michael O’Donnell, S.J. +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Fr. Harry Gardiner, CSB +
- 12:10 – Zoltan Hancar +
- 5:10 – Len Rochford +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Thalheimer Family
- 12:10 – For Vocations
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – John Bermingham +
- 12:10 – Patrick Rochford +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:30 – Florencio, Belinda and Alyssa Ramos (liv.)
- 12:10 – Rajendra Mohan +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday**

- 5:00 – Shirley Campbell +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Roberto Bondoc and Jim Streeter.**



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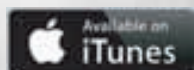


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