

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 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 by the Priests of the Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers. 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. We strive to live the Gospel with the Basilian values of goodness, discipline and knowledge; and to live with their tradition of hospitality to all who visit here.

For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Chris Valka, CSB
Office Manager:	Margaret D'Elia
Sacramental Coordinator:	Emily VanBerkum
Community Coordinator:	Leanna Cappiello
Director of Music:	J.P. Farahat
Assistant Organist:	Rashaan Allwood

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

WHAT'S IN A SAINT?

By Leanna Cappiello

All Saints Day actually begins on All Hallows Eve, the eve of October 31st. The word "Halloween" is derived from the word "hallow", an old English word for "saint". Though almost every day of the year has a feast of one or two saints, this is the only day of the year that we celebrate the feast of all saints, honoring the known and unknown.

When I was much younger, I had only heard about saints of the old world, Saint Anthony of Padua and Saint Catherine of Sienna, etc. I started to wonder, "are all saints religious or ordained individuals?" Of course, this was in part recognition of my desire for sainthood, and a sigh of disappointment that the only saints I know of were cloistered nuns, priests and contemplatives. Where was my opportunity to be a saint if I was not a martyr or mystic? It wasn't until later in my adulthood that I heard about Saint Gianna Molla, wife, mother and doctor, patroness of the pro-life movement; Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, lay man, student and social justice advocate; Saint André Bessette, healer, visitor of the poor and

sick; and, Louis and Zélie Martin, tradespeople, spouses, parents, and the first couple to be canonized together. I learned what it means to be called a saint: not about living one specific vocation, rather living your vocation to the fullest. We must ask ourselves what gifts and desires, circumstances and challenges has God given to us?

Stories of men and women who stood in front of arrows, and cut off body parts, and performed acts of self mutilation are not ways that the Church would ask people to glorify God today. Just as time has evolved so has the witness that speaks to our time and circumstances. Our imitation of these saints is not to emulate (necessarily) their actions, but their great devotion to God that lead to such great acts of selflessness. In this way, we can look at the saints of the early Church with new eyes and see with what qualities they lived their lives.

This season you will hear about some saints that you recognize, and I hope, some you may encounter for the first time. Together, we will look deeper into the hearts of the saints, and potentially start to see ourselves as saintly material.

Sunday's Readings:

Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12a

COME & SEE WEEKEND

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Vocations is hosting a 'COME & SEE WEEKEND' at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough.

This weekend provides time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about, and time to interact and socialize with the seminarians and priests of the seminary (also opportunities for Communal Prayer, Mass, Adoration and confession).

Event runs from Friday Nov 6 (7pm) to Sunday Nov 8 (1:30pm). For more information call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR?

Do you like to sing? Saint Basil's Parish Choir, which sings on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass, is always looking for new members. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact JP Farahat through the main office, or at jpfarahat@stbasiltoronto.org.

PRESENTATION ON SCRIPTURE

Scripture scholar Fr. Bill Irwin, CSB, will speak to our R.C.I.A group on 'Encountering God in the Scriptures' on Wednesday, November 4. We'll begin with evening prayer in the main church at 7:00pm.

Fr. Bill will discuss how we can use scripture to grow and deepen our everyday prayer as well as how we can interpret the words of Scripture in our everyday lives and vocations. All are welcome. No registration required! Please contact Emily through the parish office if you're interested in details about the R.C.I.A program. It's never too late to join us if you want to know more about the Catholic faith!

MEDIA HOUNDS

Media Hound (n.) *one who hunts for social media content.*

Attention world-wide-web bloodhounds! We are assembling a small team of people to make our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram the most vibrant online spaces they can be. We need manpower. Are you talented at Tweeting? Send us 140 characters with a #hashtag.

Are you an amateur photographer? Send us a photo; filter or #nofilter for Instagram. Are you a networker? Send invites to events to expand our Facebook audience. Our goal is to display what the Basil's community does best: prayer and liturgy, music and arts, social justice, and community life. Social media is our parish's online persona! Interested in being part of the team?

Email Leanna at lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, in accordance with our Catholic tradition, we are called to remember our deceased family and friends in a special way.

During the entire month of November, you are invited to sign the "Book of Life" with the names of your deceased loved ones. This book will be placed near the front of the church and you can sign it before or after Mass.

Kindly remember those in our parish community who have died in the past year: Anne Dowling, Francis Gregoire, Catherine Bradbury, Ronda Ward, David DesLauriers, and Philip Ferlito.

May we pray for them and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of your Kingdom:

In God's great love, we have received the gift of life. May God bless you with faith in Christ's resurrection and the hope of rising to new life.

To us who are alive, may God grant forgiveness, and to all who have died, a place of peace and eternal rest with you, O Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Our Brokenness

(Published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Life and the Family for the conclusion of the Synod in Rome)

Merciful healer, reveal to us where we are comfortable and clinging to our brokenness. Startle us out of settling for what is, and give us the grace to hope for what you desire for us. Free us from selfishness, love of comfort, complacency and settling down, and call us into the healing that will see your Kingdom come.

Amen.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 25, 2015

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 1st-7th

Sunday	All Saints
9:00am-	Josefa Dy Lim (+) & Sergio Lim Sr. (+)
10:30am-	Pro Populo
12:00pm-	Lozupone & Scoppio Family (+)
4:30pm-	Marian & Zofia Kupfar +,+)
Monday	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
7:30am-	Maria, Pablo Quilang & Family (liv.)
12:00pm-	Go Tie Siem (+)
Tuesday	
7:30am-	Gregium, Vanjie, Gerlyne Gamo (liv.)
12:10pm-	Rev. Alexander Barna (+)
Wednesday	Saint Charles Borromeo
7:30am-	Thalhelmer family
12:10pm-	Frank Gregoire (+)
Thursday	
7:30am-	Helen Shanahan (liv.)
12:10pm-	Pauline Marie (+)
Friday	
7:30am-	Hong Nguyen (liv.)
12:10pm-	Vocations
Saturday	
5:00pm-	Anne Gregoire (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, and Luz Manalo.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Fr. Chris Iredale, CSB, Greg Rath, and Schrine Persad.

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