

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 - 8:30pm)
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.



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St. Basil's Church, Toronto

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

FULLNESS OF JOY

By Lucinda M. Vardey

Intrigue into what signals the end times continues to absorb many. In Mark's gospel Jesus speaks about the time when he will come "with great power and glory" and we will recognize the signs that "he is near at the very gates." These gates have been believed, over the centuries, to be the eastern golden gates near the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem's city walls, which were filled in by the ruling Sultan in the mid-16th century and remain so to this day. However, as we have been informed that we will neither know the day or the hour of Jesus' second coming, we can consider all speculation wasteful.

Instead, we are instructed to be constantly alert and ceaselessly in prayer, in order to be prepared. And how can we achieve this? One answer is by time given to devotion. Through devotion, we offer space in our hearts to love Jesus in his presence and enter into relationship with his wisdom. We focus on hearing his words that will not fade away, that form the eternal foundation, that live in every moment, that steer

our course when all else fails.

St. Francis de Sales, who wrote about the importance of prioritizing devotion as part of our prayer life, invites us to be “living plants” in Jesus’ Church. Devotional prayer provides grace to purify our hearts and minds, to allow the words of Jesus to nourish us into spiritual health. Through such devotion we can begin to experience the many fruits, which St. Francis says contribute to everything becoming “more pleasant and agreeable.”

Here at St. Basil’s Parish, we are fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to devote each Thursday afternoon (3.30 - 5.10 p.m.) to silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The prayer of psalm 16 could act as a guide. We choose Jesus, we keep him always before us, we shall not be moved. We rest secure in our hearts and souls that we will be shown the way. We delight in his presence, because in him we find the fullness of joy.

Sunday’s Readings:

Daniel 12.1-3

Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Mark 13.24-32

SACRED ART WORKSHOP

Friday, November 27 at 3:30-5:00pm in Rm 006

Interested in deepening your prayer life and drawing closer to God through colour and line? Mariann Dunsmore, a practicing Sacred Art artist will provide us with an Advent image to work with while we explore the interest levels of starting a Sacred Art practice here at St. Basil’s. We hope to deepen our faith through drawing from a rich Art tradition. Any level of Art experience will be welcomed! Coloured pencils are welcomed but not necessary.

You can view Mariann’s Art at: marianndunsmore.blogspot.ca, then come out Friday afternoon to get started with your own creations.

SERRA CLUB MEETING

In November, the Serra Club will meet in the St. Basil’s Parish hall on **Wednesday, November 18th, 2015**. Parishioners are invited to join us for **lunch following the noon Mass**, and listen to the inspirational message of **Deacon Robert Kinghorn who will speak about ‘The Church on the Street.’**

PIANO CONCERT

On **Friday, November 20, 2015 at 7:30pm**, Koichi Inoue plays a concert of solo piano music by Chopin, Liszt, Albéniz, Fauré, and Scarlatti. Admission is free, and donations will be directed towards St. Basil’s music program.

PAULINE BOOK AND MEDIA FAIR

The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting the weekend of **November 21-22** in the vestibule before and after all Masses with their extensive collection of Catholic Bibles, books, music CDs, and DVD movies for all ages.

You are certain to find something inspiring for yourself or others. Please stop by and show your support for the Sisters who this year celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Evangelization with the Media of Communication. Information about the Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media can be found at www.pauline.org.

SYNOD ON THE FAMILY DISCUSSION

Last month in a Synod, Cardinal Thomas Collins was among those helping to shape the Church’s response to challenges facing families today, and he comes to USMC to share his experiences. The University of St. Michael’s College Office of the President presents “A Discussion on the Synod of Bishops on the Family.” **Featuring His Eminence Cardinal Collins, this discussion will take place on Monday, November 30 at 12:00pm in the Coop, Brennan Hall.** No registration is required, refreshments provided.

FAITH AND REASON LECTURE

The Newman Centre is hosting the University of St. Michael's College President, **David Mulrone**y on **Thursday, November 26** for a **guest lecture on "The Vocation of a Christian in Public Life."**

Mr. Mulrone will explore what it means to be a practicing Catholic in the professional world and how one's Catholicity can influence their workplace.

The lecture will take place in Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy (89 St. George Street) at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend this free talk and no pre-registration is required. A reception in the house will take place following the lecture.

For more details, please contact Sonal at sonal@newmantoronto.com.

ADVENT LUNCHEON SERIES

Come nourish your spirit *and* your body by taking your lunch break with us every Tuesday during the four weeks of Advent.

Hosted by members of the Faculty of Theology, St. Basil's Parish staff, and USMC Campus Ministry, this faith sharing experience will allow us to think deeply about the Year of Mercy as it relates to the prophetic personalities of Advent.

We will have a full lunch available to you complete with juice, water, tea, and coffee. Donations to offset the cost of the meal are most welcome.

We will meet on **Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15, and 22** at 11:10am in the Coop (north side of Brennan Hall). The luncheon will be followed by the 12:10pm Mass.

For more details, please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org or 416-926-7110.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 8, 2015

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 15th-21st

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ronald Marsden (+) Pro Populo Mrs. Joan Courtois (+) Michael, Woytek, Thadeus (+,+,+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:00pm-	Thomas Wong Hok Khiam (+) Anne Gregoire (+)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Therese Wong (liv.) Frank, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	William Henry McLallen (+) Annie Som (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Consuelo Torres (+) Vivien Desouza (+)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Milagros Pardinez (liv.) Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Antonio & Marites Laderas & Family (liv.)

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, Luz Manalo, and Doug Slater.

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