

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)
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SUNDAY MASSES

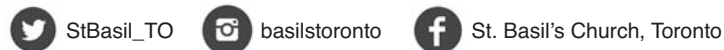
5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am;
12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

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.

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PARISH STAFF

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| 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

CHRIST THE KING

By Emily VanBerkum

First century Jews longed for God to send a Messiah to liberate them from the political tensions and scheming leaders of the Roman Empire. As foretold in Hebrew Scriptures, God's 'anointed one' was to reinstate the Davidic monarchy and inaugurate God's Kingdom on earth. Who was this special 'anointed one' going to be? Would they come with great pageantry and awe? Daniel interprets a kingly figure as the "Son of Man" given total "dominion," while the Book of Revelation declares Jesus Christ to be glorious and the "ruler of the kings of the earth."

These are lofty claims that stand in sharp contrast to Pilate's sarcastic conversation with Jesus hours before His passion and death. In the Gospel we learn that instead of Jesus corroborating these claims, He announces that His Kingdom is "not from this world." What does this mean? Is Jesus not the one to pronounce God's Kingdom by serving as the political hero the Jewish people longed for?

Today's readings made me wonder how *Jesus himself* felt when followers praised him as a "King." It seems so strange that an infant born in a manger, who walked barefoot on the Judean hillside, touched lepers, and ate with the marginalized, among many other uncharacteristic attributes, could be considered "King of the Universe."

If I am honest with myself, this is precisely why this feast day is so difficult for me to understand. My relationship with Christ is more intimate and personal than an exalted figure praised as "King of the Universe." This all encompassing title clashes with my understanding that a king does not wear a crown of jewels, but a crown of thorns. This reversal of expectations serves as the basis for me living out my kingly baptismal calling. Like Jesus, I am not to be a "king" that is waited upon, but rather I am a king that is called to serve others. To me, that is true and full *kingly* participation in God's Kingdom.

Sunday's Readings:

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelations 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

During the upcoming Advent season in which we are opening the Year of Mercy, and concluding weeks of discussion on family life as a church around the world, we would like to invite families, couples, and individuals to light the Advent wreath and bring up the offertory gifts. This will occur during every weekend Mass for the four weeks of Advent. It is our hope that it also gives us a chance to meet new families, couples, and individuals who have recently joined our community.

If you are interested in lighting the Advent wreath and bringing up the gifts, please contact Emily through the parish office or by email (liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org). She is responsible for creating a schedule and providing more details.

R.C.I.A./CREED: PRESENTATION ON ECCLESIOLOGY

Join our Catechumens for a presentation on the many meanings of "Church." Come explore the Church's spirituality and mission with presenter John Dalla Costa on **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm**. We begin with evening prayer in the main church followed by discussion in the parish hall. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome to attend!

SACRED ART WORKSHOP

Attend a workshop with sacred artist, Mariann Dunsmore on **Friday, November 27 at 3:30-5:00pm in Rm 006**. She will help us explore our prayer life using colour and line as we enter Advent. Any level of Art experience will be welcomed! Coloured pencils are welcomed but not necessary. You can view Mariann's Art at: mariandunsmore.blogspot.ca.

ADVENT VESPERS

This annual tradition marks the beginning of the Advent Season. Join us for a time of contemplation with prayer, chant, and choral performances on **Saturday, November 28 at 7:30pm** in the main church. All are welcome!

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.

FAMILY MASS

Next **Sunday, November 29** at the noon Mass, St. Basil's will host its monthly Family Mass featuring a youth choir. Please contact Emily for details or if you would like to participate.

ORATORIO ENSEMBLE CONCERT: *EXSULTATE!*

Join the University of Toronto's Oratorio Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards, in a concert celebrating the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Works from Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate, among others. The concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:30pm** in the main church. Admission is free, donations are welcome to the music program of Saint Basil's Catholic Parish.

DIVORCE & ANNULMENT PRESENTATION

Join Fr. Chris Valka, C.S.B, and the Associate Judicial Vicar at the Marriage Tribunal, Fr. Alex Laschuk, for an evening discussion on the Catholic Church's viewpoint on divorce and annulment. This pastoral presentation will highlight the beginning of the 'Year of Mercy' as well as reform to emerge from the Synod on Marriage and Family life and its implications for those undergoing a divorce, in the process of accruing an annulment, or seeking remarriage.

Our evening will begin with prayer in the main church at **7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8**. All are welcome to attend and ask questions or offer comments. No pre-registration is required. For more details, please contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org or call 416-926-7110 x3210.

2016 ENVELOPES

Please note that we are delayed in receiving our 2016 offertory envelopes. They will be available for pick-up in the back of the church the **first weekend in December**.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 15, 2015 \$8,974.72



MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 22nd-28th

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| Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm- | Feast of Christ the King Deceased Family of Lily Antony Pro Populo Shirley Campbell (+) Consuelo Torres (+) |
| Monday 7:30am- 12:00pm- | Katrina Teh (liv.) Robert (Bob) Laird Borden (+) |
| Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Saint Andrew Dung-Lac William Henry McLallen (+) David John Wingell (+) |
| Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Wilma del Prado (+) Bill O'Connor (+) |
| Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Souls in Purgatory Joseph Ayow (+) |
| Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Carlos Lugo Aguilar (+) In Thanksgiving |
| Saturday 5:00pm- | Paul Fitzsimmons (+) |

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, Doug Slater, and Betty Hill.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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