

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)  
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## ADMINISTERED BY THE BASILIAN FATHERS

### SUNDAY MASSES

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

### CONFESIONS

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 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 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!

### 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:	Michael Pirri
Family Coordinator:	Marilena Berardinelli
Evening Office Assistant:	Stela Tudor

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

### ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

### A DROP OF WATER IN THE FLOOD

By Leanna Cappiello

Ever wonder who is sitting next to you in the pew, that stranger with a story? You may take him or her in at a glance... But do you know who they are, what brought them here, what they are thinking about? What if - for one moment - you could peer into their soul and know what they had been through? Have you ever wondered what their spiritual life looks like?

Wouldn't you want to know?

What if they wondered the same about you?

In the Gospel today, we hear a story we know well: Noah's Ark, the flood. We typically associate this with destruction, demise, survival. What if we turn the theme on its axis and see it as starting over, beginning anew, staying awake?

The flood story can help us hone our reflection story. Instead of seeing our story as a tidal wave, think of it as a drop of water. The little things, the

details, the thoughts we have daily, are the ones that whisper truths about us.

Instead of asking big overwhelming questions like, Who am I? or What have I to offer the world? Consider asking little intimate questions like: What do I feel right now? What has brought me clarity lately? What is the soundtrack of my mind, the drone note of my daily life? What influences me, captures me, moves me? Why did I arrive here at Mass today? What am I looking for here?

Consider offering your neighbor in the pew a moment to peer into your soul. A drop of water is all it takes.

### The People of the Pews Project

Share your story with the community.

Submit a 250-500 word reflection and a photo to Leanna at [leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca](mailto:leanna.cappiello@utoronto.ca)

Your reflection will be shared online, but will not be property of the Parish.

*Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5;  
Romans 13.11-14;  
Matthew 24.37-44*

### OUT OF THE COLD PRAYER

As mentioned in our 'Ministry Spotlight' announcement this weekend, the following prayer will become the ministry's official prayer and will be recited by all Out of the Cold volunteers every Tuesday morning before meal preparation begins:

#### In the Spirit of Service

As a universal family, strengthen our bond and help us to humbly serve our brothers and sisters as Christ served us.

Through Christ, our model, guide us in living charitably and fill us always with a sacred, affectionate, and humble respect for one another.

Amen.

***Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support of our parish's community outreach programs!*** In order to better meet the needs of our patrons, and use updated kitchen facilities, our program will be temporarily suspended from December 6 (Feast of St. Nicholas) until our reopening on April 18.

### PARASHAT HASHAVUAH

During the Advent season (which begins this weekend), you are encouraged to read the Torah portion that is shared by our Jewish brothers and sisters in synagogue on the Sabbath. The Torah portion that is read is called the week's Parashat Hashavuah (Hebrew for "Torah portion"). Along with the regular bulletin reflection on the Sunday Lectionary readings, the book, chapter, and verses of the week's Torah portion will be printed in the bulletin throughout Advent. Please read the passage on your own and share the discussion questions with your friends and family.

The "Torah portion" of the week is given a Hebrew name that reflects a significant word or short phrase in the selected verses. This week's Parashat Hashavuah is entitled "Chayei Sarah," meaning "Life of Sarah" and it is **Genesis 23:1-25:18**.

This week's Torah portion is called "the Life of Sarah" and yet the assigned passage begins with this matriarch's death. Many commentaries claim that Sarah's death reminds the reader that the family Sarah and Abraham created together- and specifically- the covenant made between them and God continues and thrives. In fact, Abraham's family undergoes some major milestones: in this passage we discover that Abraham buries Sarah, Abraham commissions a servant to find a wife for his son Isaac, Rebekah is chosen as Isaac's wife, Abraham remarries and has more children, and drafts a will ensuring that Isaac's divine inheritance is safeguarded.

*Discussion Question: What are the milestone's that have defined our family's sense of generations? (Take some time to discuss with your family)*

### THE CHALLENGE: WEEK ONE OF ADVENT

1. Simply enjoy a more leisurely day. Don't run errands or try to check things off the "to-do" list.
2. Write and submit your People in the Pews entry. Information can be found on our website
3. Listen to "Children of Abraham" from *On Being*. It features author Bruce Fieger. It is 50 minutes long or you can read the transcript online. (Just Google it and it will come up)

## **AWAKE THE VOICE IS CALLING US: CHRISTIAN HUMANISM IN MUSIC**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 7:30PM**

Rashaan Allwood presents a recital of organ music inspired by advent hymns. This lecture-recital will feature a fifteen minute introduction of humanism in Christianity and how that influenced the nature of German organ music.

The chorales will be sung by the audience before each solo organ piece, so bring your singing voices! Admission is free, donations accepted towards the music programme of St. Basil's Catholic Parish.

## **JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Your donations of food, money, or toiletry items will be welcomed by volunteers in the vestibule of the church after all weekend masses on **December 3/4**. Due to our Christmas outreach project to provide our patrons with gift bags including basic hygiene items and non-perishable goods for their own home pantries, we are especially in need of the following items:

- Canned beans, vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, salmon, and ham
- Rice, quinoa
- Cereal, oatmeal
- Mayo, mustard
- Cookies, crackers, granola bars, baking/cake mix, chocolate, pudding cups
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix
- shampoo, kleenex, face wash, shaving cream, floss, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.
- knit socks, undershirts, underwear, hosiery

## **BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS**

Before the final dismissal at the **4:30pm Mass on Sunday, December 4**, there will be a special blessing for Grandparents.

Please invite your Grandparent(s) to Mass that day and take the time to honour their wisdom, love, and care for you and their family.

## **LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:**

Sunday, November 20, 2016      \$8,012.70



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

NOVEMBER 27th - DECEMBER 3rd

### **Sunday First Sunday of Advent**

9:00am- Kathleen McNamee (liv.)  
10:30am- Pro Populo  
12:00pm- Stephanie Grzebinoga (+)  
4:30pm- Juan Carlos Casas (+)

### **Monday**

7:30am- Carlos Lugo Aguilar (+)  
12:10pm- Gail Madely (+)

### **Tuesday**

7:30am- 12:10pm- Stephen & Anna Papez (+,+)

### **Wednesday Saint Andrew**

7:30am- Charlie & Jenny Angus (+)  
12:10pm- Frank & Mike Gregoire (+)

### **Thursday**

7:30am- 12:10pm- Go Tiesiem (+)

### **Friday**

7:30am- 12:10pm- Lindsay & Janette McNeil (+)  
Grace Keegan (+)

### **Saturday Saint Francis Xavier**

5:00pm- Maria Delia Teh (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca and Joseph Troncone.

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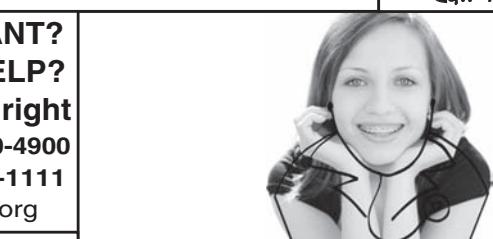
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