

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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

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 Cappiello
Student Intern: Emily VanBerkum

CONFESSIONS

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

Sat: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Holy as Wholly

John Dalla Costa

Many of us live fissured lives. Even while aching for faith's consolations, we often undertake everyday studies or work as if what we do is separate from whom we are. Laura Nash and Scotty McLennan examined this split in their book, "Church on Sunday, Work on Monday." As the title suggests, the authors found "feelings of radical disconnection between Sunday services and Monday morning activities," with people "describing a sense of living in two worlds that never touch each other."

Our readings today invite us to confront and heal this "radical disconnection." Isaiah and Paul remind us that we are "chosen," recipients and bearers of God's love. Both also explain that the fruition and responsibilities of that love require "constancy" in our attentiveness towards God. As the responsorial psalm poetically implies, everything we say or do is latent with possibilities of praise.

Yet breaching this divide is invariably dangerous. The trap set by the Pharisees in today's gospel posed life and death stakes

for Jesus. Seeking to delegitimize his authority as a prophet and teacher, they carefully entangled Jesus in the opposing ideologies between Temple and Empire. Yet, in rabbinic fashion, he approached the conflict about taxes with a question, and then turned what others saw as a binary choice between unacceptable options into a definition of our vocation.

“Giving to God what is God’s” – for the Jews at that time, as for us today – is to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul. Nothing is left over, which paradoxically means that everything is possible, even as we engage the messy, often harsh demands of our temporal reality. The vocation we share with Christ is not to escape the world but to incarnate in our time, by our efforts, with our gifts and ingenuities, God’s love.

Nash and McLennan prescribe three “conditions for reconnecting” Sundays with Mondays.

1. To proceed with a sense of “personal calling,” deriving purpose, and practicing prayerfulness, even in situations that seem intractable.
2. To recognize that by our actions and choices we are “engines of justice” - never neutral bystanders but by baptism instruments of transformation.
3. And to have “sacred awareness,” searching with a mystic’s eyes for God’s presence even in the agonies, pettiness, or brokenness where Caesars dominate and God seems most absent.

Readings: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab, Matthew 22.15-21

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Due to a lack of enrolment, we have postponed the start of Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 AM Mass until November 2nd. We have already heard from many families who were not aware of the importance of registration, but it is very necessary. Forms are online and in the main office.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st and 2nd is the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. Traditionally, it marks the beginning of the month when we remember those who have passed from this life into the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. At the end of each Mass that weekend, we will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for anyone who wishes to receive it.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As many of you are aware, the Stations of the Cross were removed from St. Basil’s at the very beginning of July so that they could be cleaned and properly persevered. Over the next two weeks, we will begin the process of rehanging the Stations of the Cross. Since the Stations are now framed behind glass, more care and space will be necessary to place them on the wall. Please pardon our mess while we complete this work. Also, please mark you calendars for **4:00 PM on Saturday November 1** so that we may pray and rededicate the Stations. More details will be coming soon.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to join the RCIA candidates as we explore the topic of prayer with Fr. Chris Valka, CSB on Wednesday, October 22 at 7 pm. It is a great chance to learn more about this important, and often personally frustrating, part of our relationship with God.

Such presentations are part of a new dimension of RCIA in which we hope to introduce existing parishioners to new parishioners as well as provide ongoing formation to those of us who would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS HAS RETURNED!

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.

FOLLOW US WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

If you don’t follow us on Twitter or Facebook – you should! It is a great way to stay up-to-date and view photos of all the things happening at St. Basil’s and the Church around the world!

MAT/PAT-LEAVE MOMS/DADS

Are you on Maternity or Paternity Leave? Want a chance to connect with other parents in a child-friendly environment? Join MAT/PAT LEAVE MOMS/DADS and gather on the Church steps **Thursdays at 9:30am:** prepare for a leisurely walk around the grounds and campus, so carriers and strollers are welcomed. Bring your own baby!

BASIL'S BOOK CLUB

Our November read will be *Breathing Under Water* by Richard Rohr.

30 copies are on order. Membership will be \$30, which covers the cost of the book and snacks for the discussion night at the end of the month. The Basil's Team will notify you when the books have arrived and go on sale, so keep your eyes on the Bulletin!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Any family hoping to enrol in Baptism Preparation Classes should contact Emily at liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org to register or receive more information. Please note that there have been changes to the program.

QUOTABLE POPE O Lord, comfort all those who suffer, especially the sick, the poor and the unemployed.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, October 12, 2014 \$5,020.26

We are selling Christmas cards this weekend after all the Masses. Money raised will go to the Community Capital Fund.

THREADS OF PRAYER

Our knitting and crocheting crew is back! We are starting new projects and welcoming new members. Join us at 4:45pm on Tuesdays in the Sacristy Space - yarn provided; bring your own needles!

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.



October 19 – 25, 2014

Sunday

- 9:00 – Jocelyn Weeks +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father
- 4:30 – Mariano Maglutac +

Monday

- 7:30 – Renato, Agripina, Irene Trinidad & family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Alicja Kaptur +
- 5:10 – Joseph Grimaldi +

Tuesday

- 7:30 – Florencio, Belindad, Alyssa Ramos & family (liv.)
- 12:10 – Betty Higgins +
- 5:10 – Msgr. Samuel Bianco (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – Nestor, Yally Velasco & family (liv.)
- 12:10 – John Patrick King +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Resurrecion Lianza +
- 12:10 – Bryan Herd +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Vangie, Getum and Gerlyn Gamo (liv.)
- 12:10 – Bill O'Connor +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday

- 5:00 – Eugene Kalwa

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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