

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 - 8:30 pm)

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

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

A 3-WAY EMBRACE

Lucinda M. Vardey

As Christians we are inclined to believe that loving God and our neighbour is to do something for another, or a number of things for a number of people. Yet, if we reflect on Jesus' words in today's gospel there is much more that can be gleaned from the "greatest" commandment about love - loving God with all your heart, soul and mind.

This love is most commonly expressed through solitude, from being alone in silence and contemplation. It is only in what St. Teresa of Avila calls "The Prayer of Quiet" can we learn about the true ways of the heart, to listen to the Word that whispers there, and to discern the will of God in order to inform our actions. Within these quiet times we can discover more about God's ways, and the truth about ourselves and who we really are in the eyes of God. It is from this place that holy love grows, first like a small flower in the heart before it blossoms into a full embodied rose that brings joy and happiness to those who meet and greet it.

As Jesus taught in all he said and did, love is what God is and what God is about. Love calls us into this 3-way embrace of heart, mind and soul in God as Love does, through each of us, with God to others.

Readings: Exodus 22.21-27, 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10, Matthew 22.34-40

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS NEXT WEEKEND.
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR
NEXT WEEKEND!**



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!

BOOK CLUB

Our next book is *Breathing Under Water* by Richard Rohr. Pick up your copy after each Mass this weekend! The discussion will take place on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Your \$30 membership fee will include the cost of the book and snacks on the discussion evening. Get reading!

PUMPKIN BASH WITH NEWMAN

St Basil's and Newman Centre are teaming up again! Join students and young adults at *Pray and Play*, Tuesday October 28th at 7:30pm at the Newman Center. Adoration and confessions with Fr Chris, followed by pumpkin-themed games and activities. See you there!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014, 7:30 PM:
BACH AND THE ROMANTICS.** Pianist Adam Żukiewicz presents a solo recital on the sanctuary grand piano. Music will include J. S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp minor, BWV 849*, Beethoven's *Piano sonata in E minor, op. 90*, as well as works by Chopin and Rachmaninov. Admission is free, donations will be directed towards Saint Basil's music program.

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 next weekend, we will offer the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who wishes to receive it.

Next Sunday is the John Ford First Sunday Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, October 19, 2014 \$5,902.27

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 week, we will be rehangng 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.

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!

QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:

To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CANCELLATION NOTICE

Dear Parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous support over the years during our Bundle Up Weekends. Unfortunately the Bundle Up Weekends for November 2014 and going forward have been cancelled. The Society has implemented a new system of bins to be used for pickup which are too large for our Parish lot. Please do not bring any bundles to the church as we have no pick up facilities.

If you do have articles for donation, there are three options in the downtown core:

Double Take at Gerrard and Parliament. Phone 416.725.6069. If you have 6 garbage bags or more they will pick up for a \$10.00 fee.

Goodwill Store – 231 Richmond Street E. Phone 416.363.3041.

Salvation Army – 252 Parliament Street. Phone 416.955.0362.

Thank you again and God bless.

OPERATION EYEGLASSES

At the 5pm Vigil and Sunday 9/10:30/12 Masses on November 22nd and 23rd, liberate your drawer space by donating surplus readers, sunglasses, and prescription glasses to the visually disabled. Please use the donation bin in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity as we approach Advent.

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!

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

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 26th – November 1, 2014

Sunday

- 9:00 – Danilo Quimones +
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Lindsay MacNeil, Lola & Joe MacNeil +
- 4:30 – Matos and Martins families

Monday

- 7:30 – Marion Barron (liv.)
- 12:10 – Mick Dean +
- 5:10 – Jean-Pierre Lapensée +

Tuesday – St. Simon and St. Jude

- 7:30 – Rev. Furlong CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – Carmel and René Roy +
- 5:10 – Pedro Bolo Jr. and family (liv.)

Wednesday

- 7:30 – George Hanrahan +
- 12:10 – Trevor Perreira +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Thursday

- 7:30 – Rev. Ken Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cowan (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Friday


- 7:30 – Rev. Ken Decker, CSB (liv.)
- 12:10 – Special Intentions of the Donor
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

Saturday – All Saints

- 5:00 – Margaret Mahoney +

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.



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