

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 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

MERCY BY NAME

By Fr. Chris Valka, CSB

Our first reading this week begins with a promise made to "remnant" – those who no longer have a place to belong – the ones exiled from the land promised to them by God.

The second reading speaks, in a sense, of the fulfillment of this promise: the institution of priesthood and the eventual structure which provides for the Sacraments.

As I read it, the Gospel offers the reason – the interaction between God and Humanity: an interplay between faith and mercy; mercy and faith.

There is a great deal of talk in the church about doctrine, structures and institutions. Anyone who is following the Synod on Family Life, now reaching its conclusion in Rome, knows this all too well. But the Gospel reminds us that mercy is personal. Upon reading the Gospel of this Sunday, this wasn't some random face in the crowd Jesus healed – he had a name:

Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus. Likewise, this blind man cried out, "Jesus, son of David".

If you want to know where you can find mercy; this Gospel would say it starts with those who you know, and who know you, by name. Jesus said it quite often: it is not the law or any doctrine that will save you – it is a relationship – belief in the saving power of Christ. Mercy is personal.

It isn't that the law or any kind of doctrine is unimportant; but it is not where we begin. I have met too many people in too many wounded situations to believe anything otherwise. The "remnant" is a large and vast population today; and God's promises apply to them (us) as much as it did to our ancestors.

My prayer for each of us, as the Church, is that we be inspired by our Gospel today to call each other by name – to know their faith – before we try to hold them to the law or any other kind of doctrine.

Today's Readings:
Jeremiah 31.7 -9
Hebrews 5.1-6
Mark 10.46-52

Two Collars and a Habit

"Two priests and a nun walk into a bar..."

Back by popular demand! Now's your chance to see the Part II of the Barstool series, with a little twist. Featuring the two "collars": Fr. Chris Valka, CSB of St Basil's Parish and Fr. Frank Portelli of the Office of Catholic Youth and our "habit" Sr. Helena Burns, FSP the "Media Nun."

Join us at the Foxes Den on **Tuesday, November 10: 7:30pm** to begin with Q&A with our special guests (ask a question, any question), followed by Speed dating/meet and greet at 8:15pm (have a more in-depth conversation, one-on-one or in a small group).

All ages welcome and encouraged! Contact Leanna in the parish office for more details.

INTRODUCING... MARGARET D'ELIA: OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER



Margaret began working at St. Basil's Church as an Office Manager in October of 2015. She joined St. Basil's as a retired Teacher with over 25 years experience as the Head of Special Education and Behaviour Consultant. Prior to teaching, Margaret earned her Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts with a major in Psychology, and specialist certificates in both Religious and Special Education.

Margaret's commitment to serving her community and helping others has always been at the forefront. She has (and continues to) volunteer for various local non-profit organizations such as The Toronto Botanical Gardens, L'Altra Italia (an organization that supports Italian arts and culture), Flower Ministry at St. Basil's Church and ONEXONE. In her spare time, Margaret enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.

A warm welcome to Margaret!

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

On **Sunday, November 1**, after all masses please donate any non-perishable food items or cash in the vestibule of the church. We are especially in need of:

- Coffee, tea, juice boxes, napkins
- Cookies, pudding cups, granola bars
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham
- Canned beans and vegetables

On Tuesday, October 13, Out of the Cold had a very successful Thanksgiving luncheon, serving turkey pot pies and feeding roughly sixty patrons! Your food and cash donations allow us to continue our work of caring for the less fortunate in our community. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the campus community now that I am completing my first week here at the University of St. Michael's College as the new Director of Campus Ministry. Let me begin by thanking the many people who

have made my transition to this new appointment such a huge success- most notably President David Mulroney and Fr. Chris Valka.

Having worked in Catholic high school ministry for the last 13 years, I have come to recognize the importance and necessity of a strong relationship between the school and local parish. This allows for the students to grow in their faith beyond their teenage years and to commit themselves to a life of faith in their home parish once they leave secondary school.

In regards to the relationship of a Collegiate Church and the Office of Campus Ministry, this extends even greater. In fact, not only is the faith of the individual student enhanced and strengthened, but their relationship with the ecclesial Church is greater understood and valued. The Church needs our young people; and the Office of Campus Ministry here at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto will create opportunities for this relationship to grow in both the liturgical and sacramental expression of our lived faith.

It is clear that the Collegiate Church of St. Basil's Parish is committed to this relationship and in turn, so is my commitment to ensuring that all students and faculty live out their faith through the great mystery and love of God that is manifested in the St. Basil's Parish community.

May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Angelo Minardi
Director of Campus Ministry
angelo.minardi@utoronto.ca

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, October 18, 2015

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 25th-31st

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jocelyn Weeks (+) Pro Populo Dr. Shane Klein (+) Arnold and Anita Hugentobler (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:00pm-	Rosemary McCormick (+) Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Emy Godofredo & Emmanuel Bergonia (liv.) Bernadette Anandarajah (liv.)
Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Peregrino and Marisa Reyes (liv.) Barbara (liv.)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Trudy McCarthy (+) Ray De Souza (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Jose Santiago, Marilyn Benaza & Family (liv.) Benjamin Liu (+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Antonio Seibezzi (+)

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, Greg Rath, Luz Manalo, and Schrine Persad.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Phil Ferlito, Joan Courtois, and James K. White.



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