

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto M5S 1J4
www.stbasiltoronto.org * 416-926-7110

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.



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:	Mary Hopper
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

BREATH OF LIFE

By Lucinda M. Vardey

It is fortuitous that the readings this Sunday very much mirror what we know of the patron of ecology and animals, St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast it also is today). As a young man Francis transformed his life from riches and fame to poverty and simplicity. With his first followers, he took up residence in a donkey shelter which, reflecting similarities to Adam's first home, Francis called "a jumping off point to Paradise."

Communicating with animals and birds, working in fields, restoring ruined churches and serving local peasants and lepers, Francis' prayer embraced the natural beauty of God's creation with a renewed sense of unity. As Esther exclaimed in our entrance antiphon, "You are the Lord of all."

The first to call the Earth "mother" Francis' poetic Canticle is like a litany to the life-giving balance between the masculine and feminine elements and energies in the natural world. "Praise be to

you O Lord for Brother Sun," he wrote, and for "Sister Moon and the stars." His partnership with St. Clare was imbued with the common commitment of offering all to Jesus in love and to follow the path of the gospel without detour. St. Clare's light and gentle grace perfectly complemented and comforted the radical life Francis had assumed.

Mark's gospel summarizes the symmetry with the beginning of creation: of a man and woman finding each other, leaving their childhood homes and joining together as one in heart. St. Francis and St. Clare's union gave birth to the still flourishing Franciscan family, which continues their legacy of being innocent and trusting children in Jesus' arms.

Today's Reading:
Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24
Hebrews 2.9-11
Mark 10.2-16

R.C.I.A (CREED) BEGINS ON OCTOBER 14

The start date of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program- also known as CREED- is quickly approaching! This program is meant for those interested in becoming Roman Catholic and those interested in learning more about their Catholic faith. If you would like to register to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and be officially welcomed into the Catholic Church, please email liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org.

However, if you would simply like to attend the sessions to learn more about Catholicism, view our schedule online (under the heading Sacraments- "RCIA") or pick up a hard copy of the schedule from the parish office and start attending classes presenting on the topics of most interest to you.

Curious? Join us from the very beginning and watch the journey unfold. See you in the main church for evening prayer on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00pm**. Discussion and information session to follow in the parish hall.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Every Monday night, St. Basil's hosts a number of volunteers who are being certified in this early childhood faith formation program. We are very grateful to parishioners who have been contributing materials. Our hope is to complete the construction of our atrium (children's room) by the end of the fall, and launch the program formally in January 2016.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph's College School invites the parents and guardians of prospective students- that is, girls in grade eight, to attend an information evening and open house on **Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm**. St. Joseph's College School is located at 74 Wellesley Street West.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR STUDENTS

We have teamed up with Ryerson Catholic Campus Ministry to host a Thanksgiving dinner for students who may be far from home during this time to give thanks. If you are a university student and would like to join us for a celebration of good food and good company on **Monday, October 12 at 3:00pm at the Ryerson Campus Ministry (Hogan House)**. Please contact Leanna (lcappiello@stbasiltoronto.org) for more details or to RSVP.

BROKEN WHOLENESS: A Contemporary Encounter with Henri Nouwen's Spirituality

Presented by the Henri Nouwen Society, this inspiring lecture features South African Scholar **DR. RIANN VAN DER MERWE**, who will discuss the thought provoking scholarship of Henri Nouwen.

The free lecture will be held on **Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm in the church**. There will be a reception to follow. All are welcome- no registration is required.

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis recently concluded an apostolic visit to Philadelphia. In his homily during the concluding Mass of the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis shared why the home of the Christian family is a true domestic church:

“These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day’s work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.”

Full transcript of homily found at:

<http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/news/2015/09/27/popes-homily-at-world-meeting-of-families-mass-full-text/>

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God,
help the men and women of our parish
to hear the call to serve the Church.

Our needs are great and our people
thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many.
Raise up faithful servants of the Gospel
- dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and
deacons, who will spend themselves
for your people and their needs.

Bless all of our married couples with a rich faith
and children who desire to serve you.

Bless those who are serving now
with courage and perseverance.
Grant that many will be inspired by their
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 27, 2015

\$5,958.60



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 4th-10th

Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm-	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Olga Beres Barna (+) Veselko (Bill) Dodig (+) Frank and Mike Gregoire (+,+) Pauline “Butch” Ignacio (+)
Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	John Schenck (+) Dreyson Reid Vasquez (liv.)
Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Peregrino Reyes Sr. & Joy Reyes (liv.) The Fernandez Family (liv.)
Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Thalheimo Family Anne Gregoire (+)
Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	Milagros, Danilo, Lucrecia & Pardenas Family (liv.) Mr. and Mrs. Haney (liv.)
Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm-	K. Kit Sum (+) Fiorina & Ernesto Di Pele (+,+)
Saturday 5:00pm-	Pascal Fernandes (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals’kyj, Mary O’Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoretta Amigleo, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker, C.S.B., Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Greg Rath, Luz Manalo, and Joan Courtois.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially David DesLauriers, Lambert Carrasco, and Phil Ferlito.



Providing the Best Care for Seniors in any language. Help us Help - Volunteer

345 Sherbourne St. 416-964-1599
www.rekacentre.com

FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY
Modern dental care in a Friendly, Comfortable Environment

BAY ST DENTISTRY
Dr. Anna Skalska, Dr. Alison Strong
Dr. Laura Santoro
Dr. Sharan Golini, Periodontist



Evening & Saturday Appointments Available
1033 Bay St., Ste. 315 (at St. Joseph St.)
(416) 960-2101
www.baystdentistry.com



McTAMNEY'S
Buyers & Sellers of New/Vintage Jewellery
SINCE 1860

139 Church Street
416-366-9646
mctamneys.com



bloorstreet market

Now Open
Please Visit Us!
MANULIFE CENTRE
(416) 923-3144

STELLA MARIS RESIDENCE
A vocational discernment house & student residence for Catholic women wishing to live in a community environment & an atmosphere of prayer.
Contact: Sister Co-ordinator
114 Madison Ave. (416) 920-6958
stellamariscps1954@gmail.com

TOKYO SUSHI
JAPANESE RESTAURANT
33 St. Joseph St.
416-513-0002



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home 905-889-7467
Mount Hope Cemetery 416-483-4944
Our Funeral Home is Now Open at Holy Cross Cemetery



ENVOY CAPITAL REALTY INC
BROKERAGE



Donny Greco - Sales Representative
Fellow Parishioner

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422

Cell: **416-909-4500**
donny@donnygreco.com

"You found a home in the parish, now find a home with me"
"A generous donation will be made to parish for referrals"

Ralph's
Men's Hairstyling
We are Professional in Old & New Barbering Techniques
"OPEN SATURDAY"
56 Wellesley St. (at Bay)
(416) 922-8944

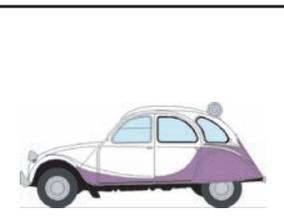


It's WISE to ADVERTISE!

Dr. Benny Kwong
Dentist
Serving our neighbourhood for over 30 years
1033 Bay St., Suite 211
416-928-3080



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL
Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers



Funeral Prearrangements available
Call for your FREE Personal Planning Guide

RM

ROSAR - MORRISON FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
467 Sherbourne Street (at Wellesley)
(416) 924-1408
James A. Munroe, Managing Director
james.munroe@dignitymemorial.com

The Leader in Catholic Boys' Education
Grades 7-12
www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com

Shopping Locally Saves Gas

Remember...
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? Call Birthright
Hotline 1-800-550-4900
Toronto 416-469-1111
www.birthright.org



Chartwells
Education Dining Services
University of St Michael's College
Perfect for Meetings, Banquets & Receptions for any celebration.
Next to St. Basil's Church
www.dineoncampus.ca/stmikes
Call 416.926.7141