

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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## 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: Nancy Sicsic  
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

### Expectations

Louella D'Souza

"God will not open the doors of heaven to everyone, only Christians will be saved." A few years ago, a friend and I started to have a cordial discussion about the parable of 'The Prodigal Son'. As we exchanged views, it quickly escalated into a heated argument where the above pronouncement was uttered. Today's gospel helps shed some light on this statement.

Unfortunately, my friend is not the only one who shares this view as is evident in today's gospel. The laborers in the vineyard who had worked all day long expected that they would receive more in comparison to the laborers who showed up at the end of the day. They were offended, even resentful when their expectations were not met because they felt they deserved more than the others.

That seems like a natural expectation and we often fall prey to the same line of thought. We equate our efforts to what we believe we deserve. But I wonder if our definition of 'deserving' is merely a matter of fairness. It may often be tied, from a purely negative connotation, to a level of entitlement.

Perhaps we are not always indignant because we think we deserve more than the other, perhaps we are often more indignant because we feel that we are *entitled* to more. And this entitlement leads to frustration when we see the mercy and grace of God being applied to the 'undeserving' others.

But we fail to understand some key aspects here. All the laborers were approached and asked to serve, some earlier than the others. The gospel clearly states that the laborers who came in earlier were specified a wage and the ones who came in later on in the day were not promised a specified wage. But even though they were not promised a specified wage, they *trusted* the landowner to give them a fair wage and their trust was rewarded.

So it is we need to understand that God is indeed the just and graceful God as promised to us by Jesus. God's kingdom is open to whosoever recognizes what was under their noses all along – that what we are called to do is simply respond and receive God's call, and the gates of heaven will be opened.

*Readings: Isaiah 55.6-9, Philippians 1.20-24, 27, Matthew 20.1-16*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) is a program that welcomes new members into Roman Catholicism. This program is meant for all those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, or for those baptized in the Catholic tradition and would like to complete their initiation by receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. begins with a period of Inquiry, which allows those in the program to encounter the Good News of the Gospels and be introduced to Roman Catholic theology. At the beginning of Lent, a Rite of Acceptance (for those who have not yet been baptized) and Welcome (for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition) marks the transition from the period of Inquiry into the Catechumenate.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment begins with the Rite of Election celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent. At this point in the program, the entire Catholic community joins the catechumens in a period of reflection and repentance as we anticipate the Easter Triduum together. At the culmination of this period, after intense spiritual formation and prayer, our St. Basil's Parish community will joyfully welcome the catechumens into full membership with the Catholic Church when they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4, 2015.

**R.C.I.A will begin on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 and will meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm. Our RCIA schedule has been posted online under the heading "Sacraments- RCIA."**

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to attend the meetings for personal interest *or* to be part of our planning team, contact Emily at the Parish Office or through [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org).

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

If you have a child in Grade 2 or 8 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then please contact Emily at [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org) or call the parish office for more details.

Both programs begin in January (the exact date and time of both classes has yet to be determined). Each program meets for one hour - students with Emily and our team of catechists; and parents with Fr. Chris. The actual First Communions and Confirmations will occur in the weeks following Easter.

**Historical Tours are back!**

To celebrate the St Michael's Feast Day, we are bringing back the Historical Team to offer tours of St Basil's after every Mass on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. Learn about our Church's early beginnings to the present day!

**Basil's Book Club**

We hope you are enjoying this month's reading of *The Holy Longing!*

The book discussion night will be held on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Snacks provided. Wine is welcome!

**SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, September 14, 2014 \$5,192.13  
Restoration Fund \$2,353.70

**RCIA TEAM PLANNING MEETING**

We will have an RCIA team planning meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

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

**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!

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD @ ST. BASIL'S**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program will begin on **Sunday, October 5, 2014**, at the **10:30am mass** in the church hall. The program has three age groups (3-5, 6-8 and 9-12).

If you would like your child(ren) to attend these classes **there is a \$5.00 administration fee/child** and **one parent must volunteer with the program.**

**Registration forms are available from the church office and online under Children's Lit.**

**The administration fee is to be paid by cheque**, payable to St. Basil's church, indicating in the memo area "CLOW program" **and attached to the completed registration form(s)** being returned to the church office.

There will be **2 orientation meetings** for the program offered during the month of **September**. If you would like more information about the program or are a member of the congregation interested in volunteering with the program, please contact Ann Schnurr by email at [ann\\_schnurr@yahoo.ca](mailto:ann_schnurr@yahoo.ca)

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS** We cannot trust in our own strength, but only in Jesus and in his mercy.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY**

A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked in front of the Church before and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 27, and the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 4:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, September 28, and will be collecting donations of men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, boots toys, bedding, drapes etc. Please note: NO mattress, baby furniture, or appliances will be accepted.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**SEPTEMBER 21st – 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Martin Brophy +  
10:30 – Pro Populo  
12:00 – In honour of the Eternal Father  
4:30 – Cristina Bermudez +

**Monday**

7:30 – Earl W. Hogan, Aileen & Jim Hogan, Pat & Marion Hogan +,+,+,+,+  
12:10 – Rachel Adela Ahn +  
5:10 – Andy Cesnickas (liv.)

**Tuesday – St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

7:30 – Visitacion & Eulogio Potes Sr. & Jr. +,+  
12:10 – Camilla  
5:10 – Bernard J. Curry +

**Wednesday**

7:30 – liv. & dec. members of Donor's family  
12:10 – Vincent O'Reilly +  
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass  
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

7:30 – World Peace  
12:10 – Protection of the Unborn  
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass  
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday – St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues**


7:30 – Joseph Atienza, Olive and Emel Birones family (liv.)  
12:10 – Wilfred +  
4:00 – Televised Daily Mass  
5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday – St. Vincent de Paul**

5:00 – Special Intentions of the Donor

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