

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 | ORDINARY TIME - XXIII

# 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; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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## 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.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm  
LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

## ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB
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Director of Community Engagement:	Michael Pirri
Director of Family Ministries:	Marilena Berardinelli
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:	Mariann Dunsmore

## BALANCING ACT

*By Michael Pirri*

Christ's actions seem to be remarkably balanced in today's Gospel. He is commanding, and yet somehow humble. He does something miraculous – but doesn't want the crowd to zealously share the news. He sticks his fingers in the man's ears, and spits – but only whispers "Ephphatha" – *be opened*. Equally divine, and equally human. It would seem that the transformation which takes place is reliant on balance.

In life, all things require both an inner and outer balance. We strive to maintain a healthy balance between home and work, studying and a social life, eating the right foods or indulging etc... The truth is a lot of us struggle with these things, but thankfully keeping a balanced prayer life helps with these things. There's no "one-size-fits-all" for prayer in our lives, but instead a wealth of variety to help us on our journeys.

**Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.**

**Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all 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.**



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Whether it's spending time for Lectio Divina, attending a prayer service, meditating in the morning before you start your day, praying through works of charity, or directly talking to God, we are able to achieve a greater inner balance, which results in a greater outer balance.

I'd like to encourage everyone to spend some time renewing their prayer lives over the coming weeks as summer closes and regular commitments recommence. May we pray for a greater openness to the call of Christ, that we may hear Him when he whispers to us.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 35.4-7

PSALM 146

JAMES 2.1-5

MARK 7.31-37

## REGISTRATION: CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-9

Registration is now open for our children's program: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This unique catechetical approach has as its primary goal to nurture the religious potential of the child; to journey with the child to know more intimately Jesus the Good Shepherd made known to us in Scripture and Liturgy.

The Program extends from October 15- May 5, 2019. A one year commitment is required and weekly attendance is strongly encouraged. A detailed program calendar is available on our website. The following time slots are available:

GROUP A (3-6 years old): 9:00-10:00

GROUP B (3-6 years old): 10:30-11:30

GROUP C (6-9 years old): 11:30- 1:00

Children meet in the Atrium – a purposely designed space that supports the growing relationship between God and the child (located in the Church's lower level).

For additional information, to schedule a visit of the Atrium or to register your child, contact our program coordinator: Mariann Dunsmore: marianncgs@gmail.com.

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is accepting candidates for the 2018-2019 program.

RCIA is a very special and intensive program designed for adults over the age of eighteen seeking reception into the Roman Catholic Church, or for baptized Catholics looking to learn more about Roman Catholic theology and practice.

At St. Basil's, our RCIA programs runs for nearly 30 weeks and explores a variety of topics dealing with the sacramental life and real-world discipleship. Our program draws in an exciting line-up of speakers from the Toronto School of Theology, the University of St. Michael's College, and Basilian Fathers.

Whether you are seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and convert to Roman Catholicism, or you are already a long-time fully-initiated Roman Catholic, come and discover the Catholic Faith anew!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the RCIA program, please speak with Jessica after Mass or contact her at (416) 926-1300 x.3413 or [jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca](mailto:jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca)

## SERRA CLUB

The Toronto Downtown Serra Club invites you to a luncheon talk on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Seamus Hogan, M. Div. Asst. Professor Church History, who will speak on the present status of vocations at St. Augustine Seminary. There will also be a brief information session regarding the origin and mission of the Serra ministry in Toronto.

The luncheon will take place immediately after the 12:10 Mass, in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Those who wish to attend, please contact the Parish office at (416) 926-7110 by Monday, September 17, 2018.

## COFFEE HOUR RETURNS

Coffee hour returns this week following the 10:30AM Mass in Macrina Hall. There is still a need for volunteers in this ministry. If you are available to help out with preparation, please speak with Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca

## REGISTRATION: FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Registration is now open for our children's sacramental preparation programs. First Reconciliation and First Communion: Begins on October 14. The children gather weekly from 11:30-12:30 in the Atrium. At 12:00pm the children, accompanied by their catechists, join the larger Church community for the Eucharistic portion of the Sunday liturgy. The program extends after First Communion (May 12) to Pentecost (June 9), allowing the children time to deepen this new aspect of their relationship with Jesus, Bread of Life.

Confirmation: Begins on November 25. The children gather weekly from 4:00-5:00 in Gabriel Room. At 5:30pm the children, accompanied by their catechist, join the larger Church community for the Eucharistic portion of the Sunday liturgy. The program ends on Pentecost (June 9).

To help us defer the costs of the programs, there is a \$100.00 registration fee, payable by cash or cheque at the start of the program. Cheques can be made payable to: St. Basil's Catholic Parish. This financial commitment can be reduced or waived to meet your family's budgetary concerns.

**PARENTAL COMMITMENT:** Both program also support parents in their role as their child's primary educator in the faith. The respective program calendars (found on our website) indicate when parents also gather together to learn and reflect how to best accompany their child in their maturing relationship with Jesus.

For additional information or register your child, contact our Director of Family Ministry: marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca.

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 2, 2018 \$ 5,718.60



## MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Greg Santos (+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm M. Luz, Joao, and Rose (+,+,+)  
4:30pm Terry Mason (liv.)

### MONDAY

7:30am Lola and Joseph MacNeil (+,+)  
12:10pm Julian Noronha (+)

### TUESDAY

7:30am Donna Lauren (liv.)  
12:10pm Angelina DiMascio Ottaviani (+)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Maria Chudzinska (liv.)  
12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

### THURSDAY ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7:30am Darleen Robinson (liv.)  
12:10pm William P. Doohan (+)

### FRIDAY EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:30am The Cistercian Abbey Holy Cross  
12:10pm Susan Johnston (+)

### SATURDAY OUR LADY OF SORROWS

5:00pm Henry Dsouza (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Ellen Salnek, Celerina Agpoon, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Tai-Ho Myung, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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