

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto M5S 1J4

[www.stbasiltoronto.org](http://www.stbasiltoronto.org) \* 416-926-7110

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: 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

"Love is stronger than fear"  
Emily VanBerkum

We may be tempted to view the cross as an instrument of punishment, suffering, and death. However, for Catholics the cross is a transformative symbol. The pain of Christ's death was necessary in order for us to experience the glory of the resurrection. The cross on which hung the saviour of the world is a sign that life conquers death and that love is greater than fear. By reclaiming the cross as a sign of God's great love for us, we may realize the gift of eternal life at work in our lives today.

In the first reading, we learn that Moses prayed for God to erect a bronze snake pole so that the Israelites could look upon it and live. God created the snake pole for His people as a sign of hope. Despite their suffering, all they had to do was look to the pole and they would live.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians we learn that Christ underwent a 'kenosis,' or a self-emptying of his own will in order to become receptive to God's plan for his life. Ultimately, Christ was so consumed by this self-emptying love for his Father, that he "became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross." Therefore, Christ's death was not in vain. After

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

three days, Jesus resurrected from the dead and the cross transformed itself from a means to an end into a continual outpouring of God's love for us.

Just as Moses instructed the Israelites to look upon the snake pole and be saved from death, so too does Christ's cross make God's love known to all who gaze upon it with eyes of faith. I end with a quote from Henri Nouwen. One can easily apply his words to Christ's death by imagining the cross of Christ as the most transformative encounter of love. Despite the many risks, it is our responsibility to make this love-symbolized by the cross and recalled today in a special way- known to others.

Nouwen wrote: "every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain. The greatest pain comes from leaving...yet if we avoid the suffering of leaving, we will never experience the joy of loving. And love is stronger than fear, life is stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of love is always worth taking."

*Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17*

### 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.

### 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!

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for 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).

**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!

**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 began on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 am. No registration necessary. The cost is \$7.00 per class.

**SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

Sunday, September 7, 2014 \$5,471.71

**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:** The Christian who does not feel that the Virgin Mary is his or her mother is an orphan.



**September 14 – 20, 2014**

**Sunday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- 9:00 – Georgia Walsh +
- 10:30 – Hyun Sook Lim +
- 12:00 – Pro Populo
- 4:30 – Vittoria & Enrico Lozupone +,+

**Monday – Our Lady of Sorrows**

- 7:30 – Special intention of Donor
- 12:10 – Francesco & Maria Rosa Vetro +,+
- 5:10 – Simone Minalabag (liv.)

**Tuesday – St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian**

- 7:30 – John Angus +
- 12:10 – In Thanksgiving
- 5:10 – Mary Gyulay (liv.)

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Thalheimer family
- 12:10 – Frank, Monica and Mary Gannon +,+ +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 – W. Quaneaux-Sipko +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**


- 7:30 – Julita and Nestor Lecudan (liv.)
- 12:10 – John and Thomas Cox +,+
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha -Sang**

- 5:00 – John Oldaker +

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Mary Ricco, Rita Moran, Rev. Kenneth Decker CSB, Clare DeMello, Edna Fernandez, Kenneth Heath, Marina Kazakis, Lucille Lakan, Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, and Janet Ritch.**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**



**Dr. Anidjar & Associates**  
OPTOMETRY  
2 College St., Suite 210 www.yongecollege.com  
647-748-EYES (3937) 416-922-4870

**PORTOBELLO RESTAURANT & BAR**  
*Fine Italian Cuisine*  
Dine In • Take Out • Catering • Delivery  
995 Bay St. 416-926-1800  
www.portobellorestaurantandbar.ca



**THE LOVE STORY BAR & GRILL**

**bloorstreet market**  
Now Open; Please Visit Us!  
MANULIFE CENTRE  
**(416) 923-3144**

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

**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  
*We speak English, Polish, Italian, Farsi & Bengali*  
**(416) 960-2101**  
www.baystdentistry.com



**Foxes Den Bar & Grill**  
Dine In, Take Out, Brunch, Party  
Visit our website for Discounts & Specials  
**FoxesDenBar.com**  
1075 Bay St. 416-961-1975

**McTAMNEY'S**  
McTamneys.com SINCE 1860  
Buyers & Sellers of Estate Jewellery  
139 CHURCH STREET  
416-366-9646

**DAVIDKOIVURANTA**  
Chiropractic  
*Pain? Health Problems? We can Help!*  
back • neck • headache • arms  
legs • weight loss • stress • energy  
FREE CONSULTATIONS  
**David Koivuranta**  
Chiropractic  
19 Yorkville Ave., Suite 200  
416-960-9355  
www.facebook.com/dkchiro  
located in Vitko Chiropractic Clinic

**HomeLife/Cimerman**  
Real Estate Ltd., Brokerage  
**Donny Greco**, Sales Representative  
Fellow Parishioner  
Office: 416-534-1124  
Cell: 416-909-4500  
donny@donnygreco.com  
*"I love helping people with their real estate needs"*




**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**  
Looking for a cost effective way to advertise your business?  
CALL TODAY 905-624-4422

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
Archdiocese of Toronto  
Holy Cross, Thornhill (905) 889-7467  
Mount Hope, Toronto (416) 483-4944  
Mausoleum, Cremation, Monument Lots and Shrine Sections  
www.catholic-cemeteries.com


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



35 Saint Joseph St.  
**Cups Cafe** 416-901-1460  
We do catering  
All day breakfast • Daily baked pastries  
Unique cakes & desserts

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



**Morley Bedford Funeral Services**  
*Family Owned Since 1919*  
Alan Crawford Phil Crawford  
*No Cost Pre-Planning*  
morleybedford.ca  
**(416) 489-8733**  
159 Eglinton Ave. W. (at Yonge)  
*Toronto's most central funeral home*

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

**BaywellDentalCentre**  
Dr. Jeanie Luong & Associates  
*"Committed to delivering excellence as a family dentist."*  
1033 Bay St. #217 Call us 416.961.6630  
www.baywelldental.com  
Mon & Thurs - 8:30am-7pm Sat - 9am-2pm  
Tues & Wed - 8:30am-5pm



**Shopping Locally Saves Gas**



**CEO ETHICS MENTORING**  
Working with leaders and executives one-on-one to navigate strategy with responsibility.  
John Dalla Costa | Centre for Ethical Orientation  
jdallacosta@ceo-ethics.com | 416-323-0989

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

**eventide**  
VOCES 8  
Eight young vocalists.  
One perfect, resonating sound.




**NATIONAL CATHOLIC BROADCASTING COUNCIL**  
DAILY MASS ON TV  
8AM & 12 Noon - Vision TV • 1PM - CTS  
11AM, 3PM & 10:30PM - Salt & Light  
www.canadiandailymass.com 905-884-6899



www.BaptistaDentistry.ca  
**DR. SUZANNE BAPTISTA**  
GENERAL & COSMETIC DENTISTRY  
*Friendly Dental Care for all Ages!*  
790 Bay St., 10th Floor, Ste. 1006  
(Bay & College)  
416.923.6022