

ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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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
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WHAT IS IT ABOUT CHILDREN?

By Leanna Cappiello

I want to focus on one very simple yet profound statement that Jesus makes in the Gospel today, "Whoever wants to be the first must be the last of all and servant of all." What can we cultivate from this statement?

Shortly after the apostles are busy arguing about who among them was the greatest, Jesus brings up a different kind of conversation about what "greatness" means. And then He brings in a child. How often is the very presence of a child enough to disarm even the toughest environments?

Once reflected upon, we begin to realize that we try and achieve a lot of things out of power. Climbing the cooperate ladder, winning an argument, being "right", having more money... And a child, who typically knows nothing about power, stands before us, just being. Then we are reminded of everything that a child is... soft, sensitive, eager, curious, gentle, and often helpless.

At the heart of this message lies the notion that the most vulnerable among us, (the lonely, the oppressed, the child, the elder, the unemployed, the single parent, the refugee, the sick, the dying),

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are the ones that actually serve us. For in our service to the “poor” of all kinds, we get a glimpse of our own brokenness and vulnerability. Here we begin to recognize Christ in everyone we serve, including ourselves. This helps us to act out of compassion and tenderness, even humour at times.

Our powerlessness is where we find the best kinds of environments, the best kind of service, and the best kind of relationships. This is where true greatness lies – the kind of greatness found best in our children.

Today’s Readings:
Wisdom 2.12, 17-20
James 3.16-4.3
Mark 9.30-37

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

In short, I can tell you things are going very well! By the end of this month, all current projects related to roofs on Odette Hall and the Fan Coils in the church will be complete.

Once USMC gives us the “green light”, we will begin work on the North end of the Parish hall (hopefully around the end of the month). Work will occur in stages so as to minimize disruption to ministry. We are also using this opportunity to bring other areas of the church up to code and improve areas of the church that are insufficient.

Next week, I hope to provide a much more detailed report about the scope and timing of our lower level renovations, so stay tuned and thank you for your patience.

MICHAELMAS WEEKEND- SEPT. 27

Historical tours of St. Basil’s Parish will take place on Sat., Sept. 26 (after the 5:00pm Mass) and Sun., Sept. 27 (after the noon Mass).

Also, **we expect a larger congregation at the Sept. 27 10:30am Mass** due to Parent’s Orientation Day activities happening at St. Michael’s College. Reserved seating for parents. Please come early or choose an alternate Mass that day.

WEEKDAY VESPERS & ADORATION

There is no longer a regularly scheduled 4:00 or 5:10pm Mass Monday-Friday. Beginning Monday, September 21 at 5:10pm, you are invited to join us for evening Vespers. As the official prayer of the Church, it lasts about 15 minutes and will take place in the sanctuary.

We will also offer Adoration Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm.

FAMILY MASS

The Family Mass featuring a youth choir will take place on September 27 at the noon Mass.

LECTURE ON CONSECRATED LIFE

You are invited to a public lecture entitled: Scattering Seeds: Celebrating Gospel, Prophecy and Hope in the Year of Consecrated Life. Delivered by Professor Elizabeth Smyth, this presentation will explore the post-Vatican II response of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Toronto, as seen in the life of Sister Mary Alban Bouchard, CSJ, teacher, author, peace and social justice activist, and missionary to Haiti.

Held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015 from 7:00-9:00pm in Regis College (100 Wellesley Street West). There is limited seating. Please RSVP by October 1 to Astra Guptar-aguptar@csj-to.ca or call 416-467-2627.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015

From September 22 to 27, 2015, couples and families from around the world will gather in Philadelphia to pray, learn, and celebrate the gift of the family. Some will even gain an audience with the Pope!

Please remember to pray for all those in marriage and family life- especially the engaged couples in our parish who begin marriage preparation on September 30 and for all those families that participate in our baptismal preparation class the last Saturday of every month.

WHAT R.C.I.A MEANS TO ME

Another testimonial from a current R.C.I.A team member about her rewarding experience in the program:

I was baptized as an infant into a family of fervent Catholics. Growing up, I attended mass every Sunday and participated in the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation. It wasn't until I matured more as an adult that I started to embark on my own spiritual journey. I wanted to better understand the Church's teachings through worship, service, and charity. As a new parishioner at St. Basil's, I heard about the various ministries and decided to join the R.C.I.A. team.

I chose the R.C.I.A. program because I thought it would offer spiritual truth and guidance in my life. The classes were very enlightening and covered a wide range of topics from the sacraments to Catholic prayers and traditions. Each session really challenged me conceptually; to put what I learned in school as a child into proper perspective. I felt extremely welcomed by the people I met at the classes, and by the end through God's love, grace, and mercy, I felt we were more unified having gone through the journey together as a team. I felt a new sense of peace in myself after R.C.I.A. and I look forward to continuing with the program this year.

-Celeste Leung

MASS INTENTION FOR THE EARTH

As part of our parish's response to Laudato Si, you will see Mass intentions occasionally read aloud or included in the bulletin referencing living things, just as we pray for members of the human community.

Let us pray for the welfare of pollinating bees, which God provides to assist the growth of food and flowers. May they be restored to health and may their numbers increase (response).

Check out this link for more information:
<http://www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/why-bees-are-important-to-our-planet/>

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, September 13, 2015 \$5,338.56



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 20th-26th

Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- Lillie C. Ignacio (+)
10:30am- Pro Populo
12:00pm- Rev. Alexander Barna (+)
4:30pm- Janina & Anzeln Waluk (+,+)

Monday Saint Matthew

7:30am- Therese Wong (liv.)
12:10pm- Maureen Sewell (+)

Tuesday

7:30am- Thomas Wong (+)
12:10pm- Mr. Stefan & Mrs. Anna Papez (+)

Wednesday Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30am- Richard Wong (liv.)
12:10pm- Bryan Herd (+)

Thursday

7:30am- Yai Bua (+)
12:10pm- Patricia Collins (+)

Friday

7:30am- Philip Buxo (liv.)
12:10pm- Frances Williams (+)

Saturday

5:00pm- Evelyn Williams (+)

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially David DesLauriers.



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